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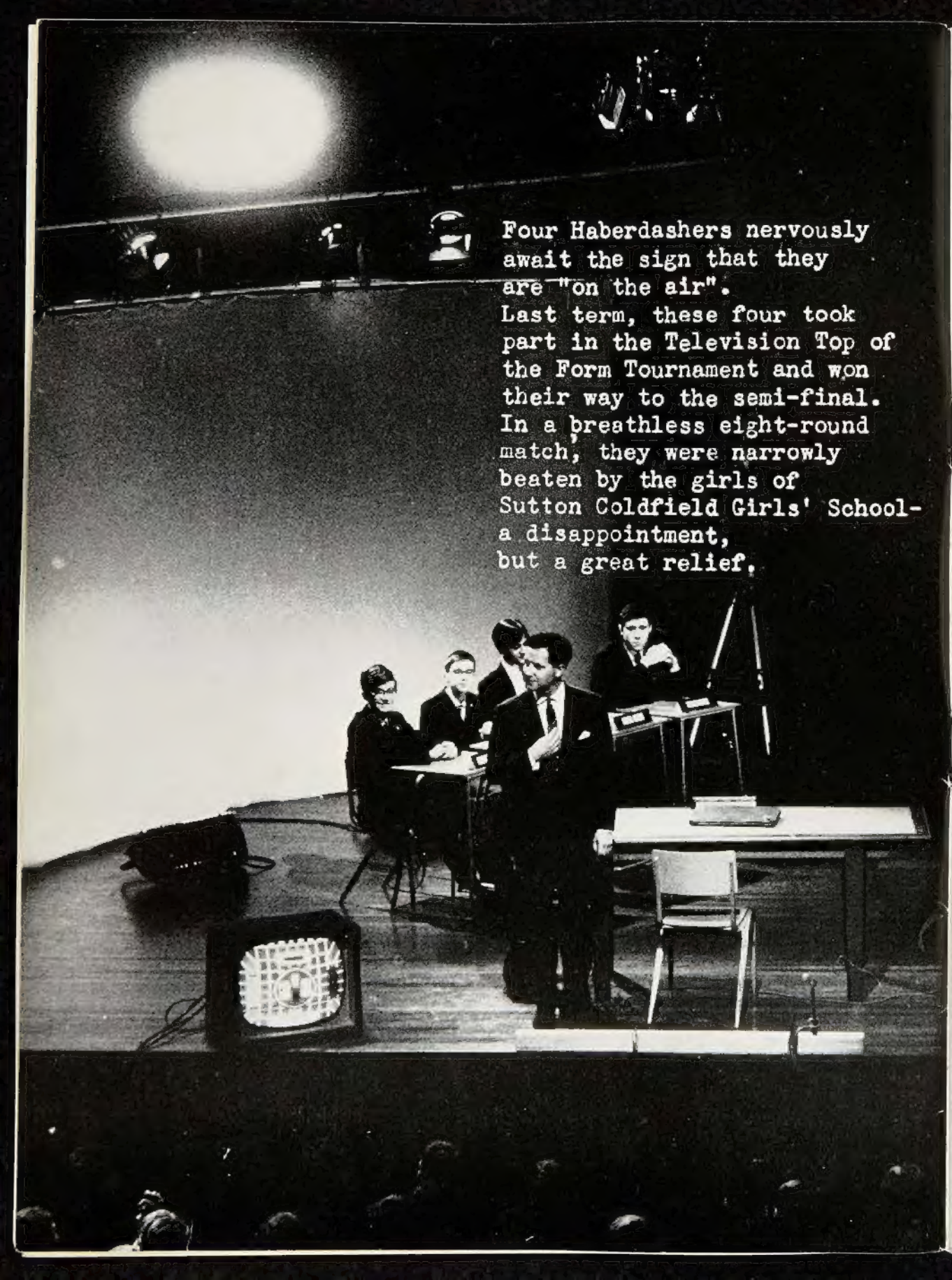
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Four Haberdashers nervously
await the sign that they
are "on the air".

Last term, these four took
part in the Television Top of
the Form Tournament and won
their way to the semi-final.
In a breathless eight-round
match, they were narrowly
beaten by the girls of
Sutton Coldfield Girls' School -
a disappointment,
but a great relief.

SCHOOL OFFICERS

SUMMER 1965

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NOTES and COMMENT

As a result of the Open Scholarship examinations held in December 1964, six boys from the school gained awards at Cambridge and two at Oxford. The award winners were:—

S. P. BROOK—Open Scholarship in English to Trinity College, Cambridge.

P. F. DAVIS—Open Scholarship in Geography to Jesus College, Cambridge.

C. J. DREW—Open Scholarship in Natural Sciences to King's College, Cambridge.

M. J. FRENKEL—Open Scholarship in Modern Languages to Trinity College, Cambridge.

W. F. JACKSON—Open Exhibition in Natural Sciences to Clare College, Cambridge.

D. C. PYNN—Open Scholarship in English to Trinity College, Cambridge.

P. M. A. PETERKEN—Open Scholarship in Mathematics to Corpus Christi College, Oxford.

D. M. THOMAS—The Walter Lock Scholarship in History to Keble College, Oxford.

It is especially noteworthy that two of the three English Scholarships awarded at Trinity College were won by boys from Haberdashers'.

Although the production of house parties is a time-consuming and often thankless task, JOLINGS, HENDERSONS and STROUTS have held parties during the past year. Appraisals of their value have of course varied considerably, but all can be said to have had apparent success as light entertainment.

A sixth form dance was held shortly before Christmas. Eminently "danceable" music was provided by *The Clique*, no suitable group being available from within the school. This dance differed from all its predecessors in taking the form of a Cheese and Wine party; guests were, of course, discouraged from both drinking and driving.

A social for sixth formers from the four London Haberdashers' schools was held in March by the girls of Acton.

Another opportunity for the sixth formers of the four schools to meet was provided in March when the Astronomer Royal gave a talk at the Haberdashers' Hall.

Our interest in school assemblies has been enlivened in recent months by occasional experiments with their form. There is no doubt that assemblies could be more effective than they are at present, and these experiments, led by Mr. Barling, Mr. Lewin, and other masters, are showing possible ways of making them so. In the "new-look" assemblies, the speaker puts forward his own personal views to a much greater extent than in the conventional assemblies. Not everyone can agree with these views, so discussion is stimulated, and the listener is caused to take an active interest in the subject matter of the assembly. Such experiments should, we feel, be continued.

The school grounds have again been used extensively for filming purposes. ATV have carried out the greatest amount of filming; sequences have, for example, been shot for *Danger Man*, *The Avengers* and *Front Page Story*. BBC-1 and various independent film producers have also used the grounds, however, and the front of Aldenham House must by now be a familiar sight to millions.

Two new buildings have recently appeared in the region behind the swimming bath. These are (we hope) unconnected; one is the school *Shooting Range*, and the other is the *Animal House*.

Last spring saw the first stage in the reclamation of the wooded parts of our grounds with the removal of over a hundred trees. Many of these were dead through old age or past neglect,

others were crowding choicer specimens and had to be removed. It was sad to have to condemn the fine avenue of Lombardy Poplars: these had all been "topped" about ten years ago and the wounds left untreated; hence rot was invading them and they were beginning to drop their branches. Felling just the worst affected would have spoilt the formality of the rows and it was decided, reluctantly, to fell them all. In the event, every specimen was found to be suffering to some extent, and some had rotted back to ground level and were in a highly dangerous condition. The plan now is to give more prominence to the ornamental hawthorns in the avenue, a task which Mr. Guidon's Estate Group has tackled most beneficially.

Opening the woods seems already to have alleviated the mosquito nuisance by making the habitat less suitable to their needs, and the worst problem now is to eradicate the nettle beds, replacing them with grass land which can be more easily maintained while enhancing at the same time the charm of our heritage here.

In fact, the school grounds are quite rapidly turning from wilderness into nurtured park-land, and we must pay tribute to the devoted work of the ground staff and the SSU Estate Group.

We acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of magazines from about 50 other schools. They are available for reading in the library—and most of them merit more than a cursory glance!

EVENTS

McLELLAN CUP

This year's competition, fittingly enough, was the most satisfying yet, with a plentiful number of young as well as senior aspirants. All played quite enthusiastically—some well prepared, others only moderately so. From the now customary three heats, eight groups were selected for the Final, which was held on Wednesday, 3rd March, and adjudicated by the Director of Music of the Royal Masonic School, Mr. Graham Garton.

Many lessons had obviously been learnt since last year, especially by the finalists. First and foremost, that success in musical performance just does not happen, however good the instrumentalists, but has to be worked for. Careful organisation of rehearsals in a crowded term is not easy and problems such as fixing a time and place, making sure the participants know, and eventually getting them there, are mostly things boys have done for them, rather than have to do for others. In the event, the winners this year were most adequately rehearsed and most efficiently organised. As well as the excellence of their music-making, they deserved success for this reason also.

In past years, competitors have performed seemingly under the influence of high tension—almost as if this were an examination, and consequently whole-hearted expressive playing has been rather at a minimum and bad intonation at a maximum. This year, things were very different. There was from the start a pleasant relaxation about most of the playing which produced much more musical performance. Humour was in the air too when Williams and McGregor blew their merry way through their Trombone duet in a disarming but definitely self-sacrificing manner. Was this deliberately done to put their other Brass colleagues at ease? If so, their subtle planning and confidence in the larger group's ability most certainly paid handsome dividends, for when they were later joined by two trumpets and a horn, the quintet played in a most assured yet relaxed manner. Their control was impressive, the expressive content of the music well-balanced and unhindered by nervous tension. The organisation of this group, even to the final celebration party, was efficiently managed by Launer, and its success owes much to his initiative and enthusiasm. They were worthy winners.

Another real highlight was the Guitar duet of the runners-up; M. J. and P. R. Saxon. The audience were quite obviously eavesdroppers as far as these two young instrumentalists were concerned. They played their two pieces with phlegmatic confidence, producing a real performance which rightly placed them very close indeed to the winners.

Other talking points from a very successful competition were the much-improved playing of the woodwind quartet which gained them fourth place; the sight and sound of some really good violin playing by Isaacs, ably supported by Trafford; and finally the glorious vision of Escreet frantically running up and down his Double Bass, trying hard to be a "Cello"—and almost succeeding—a performance which together with the rather more staid orthodoxy of his 3 partners gained them third place.

So to next year with keen anticipation, for on this year's performance it would seem that the essential idea and spirit of the McLellan Competition is really being interpreted in the right way.

A.B.W.T.

THE HABERDASHERS' ASKE'S SCHOOL, ELSTREE

VERDI
"REQUIEM MASS"

in

The School Hall

on

Wednesday, 31st March, 1965

and

Thursday, 1st April, 1965

at

7.30 p.m.

MARGARET CROSSEY (*Soprano*)
FAITH PULESTON (*Mezzo-Soprano*)
PETER BAMBER (*Tenor*)
BRYAN DRAKE (*Bass*)

THE SCHOOL CHORAL SOCIETY
and
ORCHESTRA (Leader, KENNETH PIPER)

THE HENRIETTA BARNETT SCHOOL CHOIR
(Music Mistress: MISS D. J. RICHARDSON)
Conductor: ALAN TAYLOR

THE VERDI REQUIEM

As early as November last year I was puzzled and interested to hear exciting and somewhat frightening cries emanating from the music block, the main characteristic of which was a complicated rhythm sung out mazily against long held notes. They turned out to be the germinal rehearsals of what was to be the great, four times repeated *Dies Irae* Chorus of the Verdi Requiem — one of the most ambitious works a school could undertake and an enterprise that was ultimately to embrace a chorus of about two hundred and sixty-five, and an orchestra of eighty, including five trombones and a tuba all played by pupils of the school.

To mount a work of these dimensions and to perform it before two packed houses is in itself an achievement barely credible in a school with countless other activities and committed to an examination syllabus which would not justify the inclusion of many music periods on the timetable. But with the experience of the Mozart Requiem and the Bach Mass last year and the year before, the miracle seemed almost to have happened effortlessly — an impressive tribute to Alan Taylor's organisation and direction. Whether it was a more ambitious work even than these earlier giants I am uncertain. It is longer than the Mozart, though shorter than the Bach; though the difficulties for the orchestra are very great, the vocal line is supported most of the time by some section of the orchestra and sometimes by the whole of it: it could be argued that the dramatic quality of the music makes it possible to disguise certain inevitable weaknesses in performance which would be immediately and disturbingly apparent in the other two works. But more important than these considerations is the nature of the work itself.

Verdi's *Dies Irae*, and the *Tuba Mirum* section in particular, is indeed a shattering experience, but without any obvious drama there is a profounder sense of disquiet in the nerve-racking agitations of the opening *Requiem Aeternam* in the Mozart, or I would quote the passage that interrupts the *Agnus Dei* in Beethoven's *Missa Solemnis* — a passage of such terrifying power (heralded by only three brass instruments) that the listener is, for those bars, adjudged to hell and is falling in the abyss. Verdi's *Mors Stupebit* that follows the *Tuba Mirum*, moreover, is perhaps merely fulsome rather than dramatic. Despite Verdi's comment that he wished the soloist to convey not only the reaction to death but a comment on it, one must surely be temperamentally utterly in tune with the work not to feel a sense of bathos, almost of embarrassment at this point; it is simultaneously a boldly dramatic stroke and an error of taste that Mozart could never have committed. I suggest, indeed, that the great success of Verdi's work is not the *Dies Irae*, but the quieter, more liturgical *Agnus Dei*. This piece is of extreme simplicity but has form and development: the form is three soloist sections alternating with three choral sections of equal length and ending with a short coda which blends chorus and soloists; and this tripartite division corresponds to the three times repeated prayer of the liturgy. And the development interprets the liturgy: the unison singing of the two opening sections conveys an abject humility before God; the second soloist section which is in the minor, with an exquisite flute and clarinet accompaniment, introduces an element of pleading; further developments in harmony and accompaniment lead to something approaching assurance. Even the smallest detail bears examination here: in the coda, the basses' last "*dona eis*" ends on an unexpected A flat which arrests the assurance with a frisson of doubt, and at the same time acts as a springboard for the closing phrases which instantly resolve the doubt.

But to acknowledge the greatness of this passage is to discover the general superiority of Mozart's Requiem. This latter is an intensely personal work but at the same time it respects the nature of the liturgy and its traditional musical treatment, while Verdi wrenches the service into his own frame of reference and forces his personality onto it. (To argue that Verdi was bound to do a theatrical setting because he was a great opera composer is to forget that Mozart was an even greater one.) Ultimately, the distinction is one of sensibility. The unabashed emotionalism of Verdi's score is the outcome of his unabashed, almost idolatrous worship of Manzoni — the poet whose death the work commemorates; Mozart wrote his under the threat of his own

fatal disease. But Verdi was essentially naive, while Mozart was one of the most sophisticated artists. The difference is between, on the one hand, a direct expression of experience and suffering appealing to the senses, while on the other, the experience, the suffering no less urgent, is transmuted by a discipline, a form, so that, while remaining agonisingly immediate, the experience is placed and evaluated.

But perhaps the very qualities that make the work a lesser one than the Mozart are also those which make it a more suitable, and in a certain sense, a more ambitious choice for a school performance. Unison singing, and voices supported by the orchestra are doubtful advantages in an amateur performance, but the direct appeal to the emotions is undoubtedly an asset in a performance principally by the young and for the young. At any rate, the proof of the pudding was the eating. From the moment of entering the gallery the excitement started. the new rostrum enabled the back row of the chorus to be brought several feet forward from which point the chorus swept downstage and spilt impressively into a generous area of the auditorium where it merged with the orchestra. Including five trombones and a tuba.

In a performance of such excitement and of such a high general level it is invidious but inevitable to spotlight a few summits as well as a lapse or two. First of the summits was the *Dies Irae* chorus already mentioned; then the vast array of brass which gradually snowballed into a terrific, but still precise, crescendo in the *Tuba Mirum*, then the exquisite blend of tenor solo and oboe in the " *Immer Oves* " passage and the astonishing G major *Amen* which closed the first half. In the second half the orchestra got off to a ragged start, but soon integrated itself into an excellent *Offertorium*; the quiet " *hostias et preces* " passage was exquisitely sung. The *Agnus Dei* demonstrated that quiet unison singing is by no means easy; the clarinet and flute solos were excellent but the later passage for three flutes was a little harsh. It is a pity that the work does not end with the final *Requiem Aeternam*; the *Libera Me* fugue may well be the only piece from the earlier abortive requiem for Rossini to be incorporated in the finished score; in any case, most of it is jaunty and undignified and its very existence at the end probably reveals Verdi's profound lack of confidence in God's mercy. Besides, it is too difficult for amateur performance; the first alto entry was the only moment in the whole work where one could clearly distinguish voices that could not sing the part.

But it would be graceless to put too much emphasis on a single weakness in so magnificent an achievement—it is, after all, the only school activity which is participated in by young and old, pupils and teachers, girls and boys, guest artists and one's colleagues, amateurs and professionals. It is as a joint enterprise, moreover, that these performances were so fitting a tribute to Mr. Manning as well as to Dr. McLellan.

S. W. E. S.

EXPEDITIONS

CANOE CLUB — UPPER AND LOWER THAMES TRIPS

Despite numerous warnings from previous "sufferers", four members of the Canoe Club decided to tackle the Upper Thames before meeting the main party at Radley College just below Oxford. We decided to camp on the first half of our journey and, after joining the others, hostel on the lower part with them, until reaching our finishing point—Bisham Abbey, near Marlow.

On arrival at Cricklade, the advance party found nowhere to camp—or even embark—so we ventured upstream (a disastrous decision as it turned out) until 4 miles further on we found a small village called Ashton Keynes where the Thames runs through the inhabitants' front gardens. On Good Friday we started the longest four miles I have ever canoed—farmers in that part of the country have a nasty habit of restraining wandering cows by stringing barbed wire across the river. By mid-afternoon we arrived again at Cricklade, our original starting point, and by a supreme effort, coupled with acute misunderstanding of the itinerary, we arrived at Lechlade, 12 miles further on, in time to cook a meal before sunset.

In fact, in spite of our allergy to rising and embarking before lunch (we had acute fits of yawning and poor jokes) we managed to be 1½ days ahead of schedule at Oxford. From this point, we virtually drifted downstream (accompanied by some of the most freakish storms possible) until, late on Tuesday morning, we met the main party of 22 bodies—clean, fresh and without 50-odd miles of river behind them.

Unfortunately, in spite of complicated arrangements, this year was *not* unique in that the whole party missed the 6.5 train to Streatley. The Hostel Party arrived at 9.30—the warden was not pleased, understandably—and again, because of the "streamlined" British Rail service, the party was not under way again until late the next morning. After a tiring day's canoeing, we skirted the loop of the river and arrived at Streatley again—on this occasion actually *early*! The following day offered 20 miles canoeing, including the much over-rated St. Patrick's Stream (previously good fun, now cleared) and the long walk to Henley Hostel from the town was not welcome. Our last day arrived, and because we had only a short distance to go, the pace was leisurely, after a short stop at Hurley Lock for lunch, we arrived at Bisham, a little tired but very satisfied with a most enjoyable trip.

Not only did the actual canoeing make the holiday enjoyable, but also the pleasant way Mr. Wade conducted the trip, and the speed with which Miss Alison Taylor kindly replaced Mr. Dudderidge, who unfortunately suffered his accident shortly before the trip. Our thanks are due to these three people, and everybody else who contributed to make this trip the most enjoyable venture that it was.

STUART CRESSWELL

THE EIFEL WALK—EASTER 1965

This walk was somewhat different from previous school expeditions abroad in that it was done in conjunction with a German school, the Aachen Realschule and thus gave us much more opportunity to speak German than would have been possible by ourselves.

The party of Germans met us at Aachen Station; almost immediately they were making an effort to be friendly with us and by the end of the fortnight I am sure many good friendships were forged. All the way through the trip, the German boys displayed great hospitality and warmth towards us, and it is largely through their efforts that the expedition was so successful.

The actual route took us south through the Eifel to Trier, then along the Moselle to Cochem and north again to the River Ahr and finally back to Aachen. At Trier we saw the Porta Nigra, the ancient gateway to the Roman city, which is still amazingly well-preserved. At Bernkastel on

the Moselle we had a visit to a local wine-cellar, where the ancient art of wine-making was explained to us. We were also given samples of two wines and this proved remarkably popular. On the last day in Aachen, we had a guided tour round the treasure room of the cathedral, where are preserved such interesting relics as a piece of Charles the Great's skull encased in a gold bust of the same man. We also saw round the Cathedral in Aachen where the famous seat of Charles the Great is kept, with a curious tunnel underneath, through which loyal subjects crawled to show their allegiance to the king.

For arranging the route we have to thank Herr Hilse, the jovial leader of the German group. Defying German red-tape and petty officialdom, he arranged the buses and the seats on trams and trains when walking was impossible, and even managed to obtain grants from various educational sources, which helped to keep the cost low. He also proved an invaluable first-aid attendant, able to deal successfully with blisters, broken toenails and gashes on noses.

What Herr Hilse could not arrange however was the weather, which, to say the least, was changeable. After three or four days of sunshine, we were treated to rain, hail, sleet, snow and also fog. But even the weather could not prevent us enjoying some breathtaking scenery. Two views I shall remember for a long time were the Nürburg, and a bend in the Moselle. From the top of the Nürburg, we looked out over a mass of forests, villages and hills, and could see a lot of the Nürburgring, the racing-car circuit.

The trip was not without its moments of difficulty. There was the time we crossed swords with the Belgian Army, who had decided to hold a tank exercise in an area we wanted to go through, but after promising to keep out of the way of the tanks we were allowed through. Then there was the peasant-farmer who told us to go round his field as we marched straight through it. Many people learned a wealth of new vocabulary that day.

One of the most impressive spectacles we saw was a Catholic Mass in a monastery, which we all attended on Easter Sunday. We heard all the monks chanting the Latin Mass in unison and although most could not understand, it was difficult not to be moved by it.

The hostels were, with minor exceptions, good. In nearly all we were given plenty to eat and in one or two we enjoyed the luxuries of washing-up machines and showers, running either hot or cold, depending on how many people had used them earlier. The dominant feature of the hostels was the *Fussende* blankets which had to be folded so that *Fussende* appeared on top.

The party has already shown its appreciation of the work Messrs Percy and Browning put in for the trip, but on behalf of the party I would like to thank them in print for making "Eifel 65" a most memorable experience.

RICHARD EVANS

THE ROAD TO THE ISLES

In reading reports written about previous expeditions to the Highlands and to the Pennines, I notice that my predecessors have made a habit of dwelling long upon the great deeds performed and of commending the talents of individuals in such fields as map-reading. This pattern must be somewhat altered this year, for although I am assured by a sturdy veteran of past Highland and Pennine Walks that this year's expedition was more strenuous than those he had previously been on, the general atmosphere was still one of fun rather than virile effort.

I must, however, stick to the conventional pattern just long enough to mention two good individual points, namely, the map-reading of Mike Fitzjohn for which everyone had reason to be thankful at some time or another, and the cooking of John Baker (and helpers) which helped to brighten up hostel conditions, in a couple of cases off-putting if not exactly depressing.

There was as well, to give them their due, a hard core of three or four, the "Greek Gods" amongst us who never failed to press on up the last 1,000 feet of a climb or to venture out along a mist-shrouded ridge. If one went, the others would follow as a matter of prestige, as one of their number admitted, and the untiring Mr. Humphreys was always there to give the lead, perhaps with just the slightest dash of sadism.

The majority of the group, however, was quick to acknowledge its limitations, so that the whole expedition is recalled, like most holidays, through a series of incidents which in this case

occurred not on the ridges and mountain tops but nearer ground level. One recalls a group of us groping our way across a stream quite invisible in the unusually black night, or struggling downhill at dusk through the wilderness of a close-packed Forestry Commission plantation, relaxing in between by watching our cook trying his hand at another domestic art, that of pacifying babies crying outside shops, by pulling faces. It is perhaps significant of the atmosphere of the party that the Road to the Isles was never completed and we got no nearer than Ratagan, our last youth hostel stop.

Many thanks and congratulations are due to Mr. Humphreys for getting eleven of us up to Scotland, steering us through Glasgow, Glen Coe, Glen Nevis and Ratagan and coming back only one short (it must be quickly and sympathetically mentioned that Phil Birch was carried off by pneumonia and not by clansmen and is now recovered). Survivors and casualty alike must judge it a fitting end to Mr. Humphreys' days at this school.

TERRY MORRIS

NORFOLK BROADS SAILING TRIP

This year two four-berth yachts were hired from Womack Water, as well as the two houseboats, motor cruiser, half-deckers and four-berth yachts hired from Horning as in previous years. The crews assembled at their allotted boatyards at 4 p.m. on the Saturday and the Womack Water party set out the same afternoon to Horning for the night. The next morning the whole party set off up-river and spent the day sailing on Salhouse and Wroxham Broads, returning to Horning for the night.

On Monday morning we sailed downstream under a fairly good wind for Malthouse Broad, where we had lunch and were able to climb the tower of Ranworth Church which gives a magnificent view of Malthouse and Ranworth Broads. From Malthouse we moved on to Potter Heigham, up the Thurne. Unfortunately the wind dropped and we had to quant, row, or tow our boats for the last mile.

From then until Thursday evening we had very little wind and at times certain members of the party amused themselves with inter-boat feuds while others took the opportunity of bird-watching on Heigham Sound where several pairs of reedlings and one of black-throated divers were noted but no bittern.

After visiting Hornsey and Hickling on Tuesday the party turned back down the Thurne and made for South Walsham for Wednesday night. Only half the party got that far and, as a result, those who had stopped short at Thurne Mouth got the wrong orders and went up the Ant to Barton, instead of going to Wroxham, on Thursday. That evening and the next day the party spent on Wroxham Broad with a good wind. Friday night was spent back at the boatyards and on Saturday morning everyone had to rush for the train home from Wroxham Station.

On behalf of those on the trip I must thank all those in charge and particularly Mr. Creedy for all the work he has put in to hiring boats, organising crews and stores, and in general making the trip a very enjoyable and successful one.

JOHN EDWARDS

FRENCH EXCHANGE

For this year's French Exchange, it was gratifying to see enough boys to warrant two parties come forward and enjoy a holiday in France. Most boys stayed in Paris, whilst others had the extra good fortune to live in Brittany or Normandy. They went with an open mind, and came back with a better command of the French language, a better knowledge of France and the French people and a desire to see more boys enjoy a holiday as much as they had. For this, they must thank Mr. McNair for his efficiency in organising the visits; Mr. Hurst, who travelled by boat and train with the one party; and Mr. Guidon who flew to Paris with the other party.

ANTHONY GATRELL

GEOGRAPHY FIELD WORK, WYMONDHAM

A party of thirty boys and masters travelled to Wymondham College at the beginning of April 1965, visiting Cambridge, Ely and Wicken Fen, a piece of "preserved" fenland, en route.

Various aspects of the geography and geology of the area were also noted, thus providing a good basic introduction to the course.

The work completed in the Norfolk region fell almost entirely into two main themes, one of reclamation, the other of regional analysis the latter necessitating that the research be done individually or in groups of two or three (an experience which proved very rewarding and indeed one which was essential if the course was to have been of any value). The theme of reclamation was investigated in three areas, the Fen, the Brecklands, and on the coast, with the result that three completely different methods of making sub-marginal land productive were discovered.

The Fens have been reclaimed at one time or another by three methods, none of which has been entirely successful, with the region still in real danger of inundation by the sea. Initially a piecemeal process of reclamation was adopted. Then in the 17th century a great drainage scheme was undertaken and finally various methods of pumping were tried. The Brecklands have been reclaimed by two methods. Firstly by The Forestry Commission and industry, and secondly by the agricultural concern of Lord Iveagh, the Guinness millionaire, both concerns essentially having a tremendous financial backing, without which the projects would have been impossible, and with which the agricultural economy is still unstable. The third region on the coast at Holkham was slightly different because it was a much smaller area so that large-scale reclamation was unnecessary. The reclamation as we saw it, was by a natural process of marsh formations behind a landwards moving "bar" with the subsequent drainage of the "fenland." This area is now used primarily for sheep grazing.

The second theme of regional analysis took two main forms. A survey of the land use from north to south across the Fenland and then from west to east across the Breckland was made in order to find any connection which existed between soil types, size of farm, proximity of markets, crops and the relief of the area. Unfortunately the survey was not a random quantitative analysis as was desirable but an examination of a pre-determined section with the results almost pre-supposed. The second analysis was of several towns and villages in the area, where the questions of settlement, industry and communications were investigated with the view to determining whether each of the towns was expanding or decaying. The results were then discussed. The main points that arose were that the "magnetism" of the main town of the region, Norwich, decreased as the distance between Norwich and any particular settlement increased until a "watershed" occurred where all the towns further away still, were influenced more by the next large town. Secondly it was found that the expanding towns were roughly in a line between King's Lynn and Norwich possibly because of the comparatively recent spate of imports through the Wash. And thirdly the investigations provided the most stimulating discussion of the entire trip, which was about the determining factors affecting the location of industry.

The work covered which did not fall into one of the two themes already described consisted of a trip to the coast between Mundesley and Cromer to study the "destructive" coastline there, where it was found that the profile of the beach was not entirely what one is usually led to believe; and a very interesting study of the Suffolk Woollen Industry which included a visit to the "preserved" village of Lavenham whose former wealth was impressively displayed by its very fine church.

One criticism of the course was that too much was attempted in too short a time with the result that much of the information collected during the daytime was not really examined and used to the full, although work continued long into the evening. If a similar trip is undertaken next year it would be more advantageous either to attempt less in more detail or the same amount with perhaps two extra days in which to complete the work.

PHILIP CHAMBERS

GEOLOGY FIELD TRIP

During April, a party of Sixth Form "A" Level Geologists spent five days in the Isle of Wight in order to make a close study of this classic geological area. This was based mainly upon the theme of varying geological environments in the Cretaceous and Tertiary systems.

The first morning was spent on the South West coast studying the rocks from the top of the Wealden Series through to the Lower Greensand. A number of estuarine fossils were found in both formations including *Unio*, *Viviparus* and many Ostracods. The afternoon was spent examining the marine Upper Greensand and Lower Chalk at Compton Bay.

During our second day the vertical, highly coloured, Eocene Sands and clays at Alum Bay were looked at, and most of the beds from the Chalk to the Headon Hill Sands were examined, fossils being extracted particularly from the Chalk, London Clay and Barton Beds.

After lunch the varying lithologies of the Headon Beds in Totland Bay were examined. Here the interest lay in the contrast between the marine and freshwater conditions under which these rocks were laid down. These two environments provided many contrasting freshwater and marine fossils, which were usually very well preserved.

The next day was devoted to the study of some of the Oligocene formations. First a quarry in the freshwater Bembridge Limestone, near Yarmouth, was visited where the exposure proved to be highly fossiliferous. Many freshwater gastropods including *Panorbina*, *Viviparus* and *Galba* were collected. The next stop was Bouldnor Cliff, between Yarmouth and Hamstead, where the Hamstead Beds of both marine and estuarine origins were examined. Here gastropods and lamellibranchs were especially abundant and good specimens were obtained from areas exposed to weathering. Thorness Bay, to the North, was our last stop of the day and here the estuarine Bembridge Marls were seen and numerous fossils were collected.

The final morning was a second look at the highly fossiliferous Cretaceous Rocks at St Catherine's Point where good ammonites and lamellibranchs were obtained from the "Chloritic" Marl and Upper Greensand. The final hours on the island were spent at Culver Cliff, near Sandown, where Chalk was again encountered, and in Whitecliff Bay where all the strata from the Chalk to the Bembridge Marls are uniquely exposed, which thus proved an apt conclusion to our stay.

P. WAKELY

SCIENCE SOCIETY EASTER VISIT GOVERNMENT CHEMIST

The Science Society's Easter visit was to the Laboratory of the Government Chemist. The Laboratory is the oldest official chemical laboratory in the world, having its origin in 1842. It started its life purely as an excise and revenue laboratory, dealing with the examination of a wide variety of samples representing the imports and exports of the British Isles. Today, the analytical work of the Laboratory embraces the examination of almost every commodity used in everyday life, from foods and water to drugs and pesticides. In short, the Laboratory exists to provide analytical, investigatory and advisory services to all Government departments that request them.

After a short talk with the Government Chemist, Dr. Lewis, the party was shown the Laboratory at work. We saw the various chromatographic methods for the analysis of food, drug and agricultural chemicals, ranging from the latest gas chromatographic equipment to column, paper and thin-layer chromatography. Various methods were seen at work in the analysis of essential foodstuffs where photo-electric polarimeters were in use, determining the optical activity of liquids.

We were also shown the Radiochemical Division of the Laboratory which examines drinking waters, surface waters and effluents for radioactivity, and carries out investigations on a variety of materials likely to contain natural or artificial radio-nucleides. In this field gamma spectrometers, alpha- and beta-counting assemblies, and all the latest radiochemical methods of analysis were seen in use.

The visit was reckoned very worthwhile by all who took part and it is hoped that future use can be made of the Laboratory's excellent facilities which were offered to us.

R. L. FARLEY
S. J. GASKELL

R.N. SECTION EASTER CAMP — GIBRALTAR

On the 7th of April, eight of the section travelled to Portsmouth and joined the aircraft-carrier *Centaur* where we settled into officers' cabins for the five-day cruise to Gibraltar. The

complete programme had been prepared for us and we were put in the charge of two very knowledgeable and friendly Midshipmen and a Sub. Lt.

We set sail late on Thursday afternoon and then began several long days of varied activities, ranging from watching "Dr. No" in the Ratings' Dining Hall to instruction on diving and physical training on deck at 6 a.m.

The Bay of Biscay was crossed as fast as possible, owing to rough weather, and a few faces were slightly yellowish, but even so only a couple of meals were missed. The party enjoyed the opportunity to watch the flying on and off of Sea Vixens and Gannets several times during the week, cameras being kept busy. It was with considerable surprise that, on the day of our departure from *Centaur*, Cmdr. Air entered our cabin on his rounds and chatted about our unlucky defeat by the girls of Sutton Coldfield in the Television Top of the Form competition.

Gibraltar was passed at 6 a.m. on Monday but we did not anchor until the evening when we went ashore and explored the very ordinary town of Gibraltar. We dropped anchor once more next afternoon after a day spent "goofing" in the Med. We left *H.M.S. Centaur* that evening and settled into *H.M.S. Rooke*, a Shore Establishment. Next morning we started nine busy days of sailing, swimming, fishing and guided tours around the Rock. A very enjoyable day was spent on *H.M.S. Leverton*, a Naval Minesweeper, and we thank the Middlesex Infantry Regiment for their very instructive exhibition of the use of modern weapons, some of which we were able to fire, including the sub-machine gun, 2 inch mortar, a 2-man anti-tank rocket, and a grenade-firing automatic rifle.

One morning was spent in Spain, at La Linea, and an interesting afternoon was spent at North Front, the Gibraltar Airport. It was with some sadness that we left there the hot cloudless skies of Gibraltar for the cold overcast weather of Lynnhem on Wednesday morning.

The jet journey in a Comet II was accomplished in four hours and it provided an exciting and new experience for most members of the party. The end of the 1,400 miles homeward trip was by British Rail to Paddington (1½ hour wait at Swindon Station) and then home on the Underground.

All members of the party would like to thank Lt. Hickman for the amount of work he put into planning, organising and leading the journey and for the smooth execution of all exercises entered into on the two-week trip. It has been of great educational and instructive value to all of us, as well as being a very welcome and enjoyable holiday.

P. G. MYERS

C.C.F. ADVENTURE TRAINING IN THE LAKE DISTRICT

All 25 places were filled on this year's *Adventure Training Camp* which was held in the Lake District. On Saturday, 17th April, the main party arrived at the base camp at Shap, set up by the advance party the day before.

The cadets were immediately divided into three groups of six, with the sergeants forming a fourth group, to help run the camp. Each group was issued with tents, rucksacs, sleeping bags and cookers. They also drew tinned Army rations for the duration of camp, which, contrary to popular belief, provided varied and enjoyable menus. The next day a second base camp was set up at Seatoller on the other side of the Lake District.

The idea was for each group to do a three day march across the hills from the Shap to Seatoller (or the other way round) camping at Patterdale and Grasmere on the nights away from base camp, all groups having to climb Helvellyn on the second day. It was hoped that each group would cross Helvellyn's Striding Edge but owing to adverse weather conditions (snow) only one group was able to accomplish this. Each group also spent one day rock-climbing at Seatoller.

The final day found everyone arriving back at Shap, where preparations for departure were under way. On Friday, 23rd April, the main party left by train, the advance party by lorry, all with a feeling of having achieved something during the past five days.

We should like to record our thanks to the officers and C.P.O. Mitchell for the work involved in organising this rather tough but very enjoyable camp.

THE SERGEANTS

SPORT

RUGBY

1st XV

The 1964 1st XV had an exceptional season. They won 15 games out of 16, at all times playing entertaining open rugby. Often they were brilliant as a combined attacking unit, as many who watched them will testify. They were justifiably placed in the Top Ten Schools Rugby Teams by the *Guardian*.

At the start of the season, six 1st XV players remained. Esmond Hitchcock and Mike Thomas remained in the front row, and last year's captain, Nick Serota, in the second row. In the backs, Howard Evans, Nick Usiskin and John Matthewman were also available. Added to this small, but well-balanced foundation were, at hooker, Sandy Lockhart, in the second row, Dick Savage, and in the back row, Brian Michaels, Malcolm Ridehalgh and Dave Bucknell. Derek Woolerton and Miles Templeman were introduced into the centre, and Matthewman and Usiskin were put on the wings. Phil Birch came in at scrum half and Michael Thomas completed the side at full-back.

This was the side which opened the season against *City of London*. We won this game 35-14 and the match contained all the faults associated with a first game, in our case particularly, that of individual back play, a fault which was soon to be removed.

Before the *Bedford Modern* game some of the seriousness and personal involvement, which many of the players were, quite rightly, to display later, became evident in the intense preparations before the game. We were however, beaten 13-24 by a fine, mature *Bedford Modern* side and no excuses are offered.

From this time until the end of the season the 1st XV was unbeaten.

The games against *St. Dunstan's*, *Trinity School* and *Bancrofts* followed a similar pattern. We were obviously better than all these three sides, especially individually in the backs, but true team combination was lacking. We had now scored 108 pts. with 63 against us.

The *Wasps* game completed the first phase of the season. By now routine weekly preparations had been established for the team. These consisted of two evening training sessions, with Wednesday afternoons when necessary, and team discussions both before and after each game. This paid dividends against the strong club side which we managed to beat 17-11 in a tough forward game. We had won enough line-outs and scrums for our fitness and skill to pay in the loose play. With 6 games and 5 victories behind us we went on tour to play *Monmouth* and *Wycliffe*.

Tour

The cup which we were to play for at *Monmouth* had only left there once before, and that was only for one year. They had never been beaten before by us on their own ground, but obviously we thought we were in with a chance. In perfect conditions on their wide pitch, we won a fast, open-game by 19 pts. to 12 pts.

The next day we travelled to Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, where we received a welcomed good-luck telegram from the Headmaster and staff before our fixture against *Wycliffe*. We won the game 10-8, even though we were a tired team.

By now team changes had become necessary. Mike Thomas, the Vice-Captain, had not played in the previous four games because of a nagging back injury. His place had been taken by Martin Eades. Also Derek Woolerton had been injured, and his place had been taken on tour by Mike Drake.

We returned, a confident side, and in our next game we outclassed *Royal Masonic*, and but for mistakes we would have scored more than 26 pts. and not given away 12 pts.

After this match, Brian Michaels was forced to leave the side through illness. His special qualities of being able to run and play like a fast three-quarter while still playing exceptionally at loose forward were sadly missed.



The Highland Walk Party — April 1965

minus photographer — Derek Roberts



The School 1st XV — 1964-5

St. Albans provided us with opposition comparable with *Monmouth* and it was here, perhaps, that we played our most entertaining game. Back movements were classic with the wings scoring fine tries in a 20-11 victory. The pack had a fine mobile game, gaining possession from the tight and the loose. *Berkhamsted* were then soundly beaten 25-9 by a far better side.

The London Hospital provided our forwards with mature opposition but they responded magnificently. However, superior fitness helped us to win 11-8.

The three remaining fixtures against *Emanuel*, *Queen Elizabeth's Barnet*, and *Eltham* produced three confident wins by a truly superior side, although scores would not suggest this as we conceded 30 points, scoring 66. These games had however, provided us with some positional changes. John Saphir had come in at full-back and Andy Chilcott had occupied both the second row and back row positions. Dave Bucknell had also been missed after an injury at *St. Albans* which put him out for 5 games.

The final game against the *Old Haberdashers'* was a dour struggle in poor conditions; however, the School team deservedly won 3-0

HOWARD EVANS, *Captain*

THE TEAM

Howard Evans

The result of Howard Evans' captaincy of both the 1965 1st XV and the 1964 and 1965 1st VII teams, has been two of the most successful seasons in the School's history—and rightly so. His enthusiastic, almost professional handling of training, pre-match frame of mind, and control of the game, gave the VII's team the confidence, spirit and capability needed to defeat some of the best teams in the country. Howard not only set an example in his hard training and the unorthodox tactics he planned and mastered, but also in the way he dominated every game, at the centre of most moves. Finally I am sure all those who have played under him have enjoyed their rugby, and appreciate the great part he has played in our success.

JOHN MATTHEWMAN

Matthewman had an exceptional season; playing on the wing, his clever running bringing him 22 tries. *Ususkin* on the other wing also had a fine season. These two players provided the finishing power for many moves; something

which has been lacking for some years.

In the centre, *Templeman* was outstanding in all departments of the game. His partners, *Drake* and *Woolerton*, played their valuable parts in a fine three-quarter line.

Evans, at stand-off half displayed his knowledge of the game at every turn. His partner at scrum half, *Birch*, used the new laws to great effect and developed a flair for attacking rugby which produced many of the school scores.

In the Forwards an outstanding quality was the strength of the back row. *Michaels* and *Ridehalgh*, playing for the first time in the senior side, joined *Bucknell*, new to the wing forward position, to form a most effective combination. Both *Bucknell* and *Ridehalgh* improved throughout the season and in the end both were using the ball like backs. In the second row, *Serota* and *Savage*, though both lacking exceptional height, had strength and energy. *Savage* particularly joined in many open movements. An experienced front row stabilised the pack, with *Hitchcock* and *Thomas* being as effective at the front of the line-out as *Ridehalgh* and *Michaels* were at the back, all benefiting from *Lockhart's* accurate throw-ins.

We would like to thank all those who helped us during the season in any capacity, especially the 2nd XV who provided us with such good reserves.

E. HITCHCOCK, *Secretary*

1st VII

The 1964 seven-a-side rugby team reached the final of the Surrey Seven-a-Side tournament, losing to Whitgift in the final. This was considered a good result, although it was not publicised, as was reaching the South Eastern Counties semi-final. This year, however, the School VII entered 6 major school sevens tournaments; it won 3 of them, won a semi-final place in another and was beaten in the first round in the two other tournaments.

In the scrum, *Hitchcock* and *Ridehalgh* propped *Thomas*. All three forwards were able to run, pass and take a ball at speed, as well as providing the necessary possession for the backs to exploit. *Hitchcock's* line-out work, as well as his powerful bursts of running, which produced three tries against *St. John's*, *Leatherhead*, was extremely valuable. *Ridehalgh* got a great try against *Worthing High School* following a line-out, and *Thomas's* strength and sensible

distribution of the ball completed a fine trio. At scrum-half, Templeman provided many chances for scoring, and himself scored some model tries in his own position. Usiskin and Matthewman ran with skill and power on all occasions, scoring a remarkable number of tries by finishing off the openings forged by other members of the side.

We won the South Eastern Counties Seven-a-Side tournament by beating St. John's, Leatherhead, in the semi-final and Worthing High School in the final. The next morning we travelled to Oxford to play in the national tournament there, and here we were beaten in the semi-final by Llanelly Grammar School, the eventual winners of the tournament.

In the Surrey tournament, a team containing 5 changes from the previous competition, due to an unfortunate clash of priorities, went out in the first round. With a full team we would have undoubtedly gone far. This was a bitter disappointment to all of us.

The Hertfordshire Schools competition brought in strong opposition from Rickmansworth Grammar School and Watford Grammar School, but we defeated both sides in the semi-final and final respectively to win the tournament.

We played our worst game in the first round of the Public Schools' Sevens competition, where we deservedly went out to an average side from Portora Royal School, Northern Ireland.

The Windsor tournament, however, saw us return to winning form and we won the competition outright.

2nd XV

The season saw the development of a 2nd XV which was at last considered as a rugby side in its own right. This was a marked rise in status. In former years, although good results were achieved, the second team was considered to be very much a "second string" who played rugby on a Saturday only for social purposes, occasionally providing rather unsatisfactory fill-ins for the 1st XV. This year, although of course the 2nd team was called upon to provide reserves, the team became regarded as a side which played rugby to a high standard.

This high standard can be maintained if the competition for places in the 1st XV continues to be as enthusiastic as it was this year, and if the

2nd XV can get more fixtures against sides like the Metropolitan Police Cadets. It would be an improvement if the 2nd XV could play some schools' first sides, as it was pointless to play sides against which scores in excess of forty points can be scored.

In a season such as this one, it would be ludicrous to name individual players; "the team played very well" is sufficient and my thanks are due to all who made this possible.

S. L. EDWARDS

Those who played were:

K. Underwood	D. Ulrich	G. Cook
S. Edwards	D. Lindsell	P. Howells
M. Eades	J. Bartlett	D. Thomas
M. Joyce	P. Chambers	<i>Also played often.</i>
A. Chilcott	M. Drake	H. Seymour
G. Lacey	R. Vallance	R. Tucker
		G. Haslehurst

3rd XV

The team, winning all its matches, had a highly successful and enjoyable season. The heavy and robust pack, encouragingly led by Bennett, won a good deal of the ball, which the backs, including some fast-running and penetrative players in Lewis and McCartney, used intelligently. The reliability of Haslehurst at full-back and the place kicking of Davis were also invaluable assets. The abundance of natural talent (at a 3rd XV level) and the will to win—often with economy of effort—went a long way to achieving success and attracting spectators.

P. KETTLE, *Captain*

Players:

P. Kettle	P. Davis	D. Maislish
P. Ashley	M. Fellows	M. McCartney
J. Atkinson	G. Haslehurst	M. Morton
M. Bennett	I. Krause	R. Tucker
G. Bottoms	M. Lewis	R. Turnbull

Also Played:

J. Barker	G. Irvine	R. Marks	M. Mire	D. Riddle
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Under 16

The Under 16 team did not live up to the hopes that the same team had inspired in previous seasons. This was unfortunately due to injuries which hit the side badly throughout the season. However, the team did manage to win seven out of the twelve matches. This was largely due to the team spirit and unity that was built up during the season. Training sessions

were regularly attended and all players were keen to keep their place in the side. Thus, despite the lack of outstanding individual talent, the side did play together as a team. Those players who did play exceptionally competently were Van Heeswyk and Clayden in attack, and Rennie and Taylor; although they did lack creative thinking on the offensive, their work in defence was invaluable. Rinsler's kicking improved throughout the season and by the end had amassed a respectable number of points. I would like to thank Mr. Clark for his work in organising and shaping the side.

B. D. SEAL, *Captain*

Under 15

After a promising start of 5 wins in 5 matches, the team, plagued by absences through injury, produced uninspiring performances for the latter half of the season. Five matches were in fact lost, some by only a few points, but others by disappointing amounts. I am confident, however, that the team, at full-strength and at peak fitness, having now fully mastered the principles of the game, will be able to take revenge next year for the defeats they have sustained this season.

N. R. DENNIS, *Captain*

RESULTS

	1st XV	2nd XV	3rd XV	U.16 XV	U.15 XV	U.14 XV	U.13 XV
<i>City of London</i>	W 35-14	W 61-10	W 36-10	W 19-5	W 14-6	C	C
<i>Bedford Modern</i>	L 13-24	L 23-24	W 23-3	L 0-18	W 26-3	L 3-20	
<i>St. Dunstan's</i>	W 20-16	W 27-0	W 14-9	L 3-22	W 19-8	L 6-24	
<i>Trinity</i>	W 23-9	W 48-8	W 16-5	L 0-9		L 0-31	
<i>Bancroft's</i>	W 15-0	W 76-0		W 6-0	W 44-3	W 12-5	
<i>Wasps</i>	W 17-13						
<i>Monmouth</i>	W 19-12						
<i>Wycliffe</i>	W 10-8						
<i>Royal Masonic</i>	W 26-12	W 56-3		W 11-3	W 17-6		
<i>St. Albans</i>	W 20-12	W 29-6	W 10-0	W 27-0	L 0-16	L 3-17	
<i>Berkhamsted</i>	W 25-9	W 9-3	W 23-13	L 3-23	L 9-12	W 23-3	L 0-31
<i>London Hospital</i>	W 11-8						
<i>Queen Elizabeth's Barnet</i>	W 14-11	W 28-3	W 17-6	W 15-0	L 0-40		
<i>Emanuel</i>	W 35-19	W 19-6		W 12-8	L 0-6	L 6-20	L 0-20
<i>Eltham</i>	W 17-0	W 40-0		W 19-11	L 5-8		
<i>Old Haberdashers'</i>	W 3-0	W 3-0					
<i>Aylesford House</i>							W 12-5
<i>Beechwood Park</i>							W 15-5
<i>Aldwickbury</i>							W 6-3
<i>Colet Court</i>							L 0-21

To the above report must be added appreciation for the assistance of a considerable number of Staff who have helped to make the season such a success and, at all levels, such an enjoyable one. The efforts of Mr. Packer and his groundstaff are to be commended particularly in view of the heavy clay nature of the Rugby field.

Mr. Everson, who is leaving School this year, has been in charge of Rugby for five seasons and the serious but sporting spirit which pervades the Club at the present time is much due to his influence. The Club's thanks and best wishes are conveyed to him.

D.F.C.T.

BASKETBALL

Despite a disappointing record, this year's basketball team continued to maintain a high standard of enthusiastic, skilful play. The results are in no way indicative of the strength of this year's teams, rather they reflect a much tougher opposition than has been encountered in recent years.

Our two fixtures with the American School in London illustrate this clearly. We faced a school which centres its entire athletic activity around basketball; practises everyday after school; is cheered on by a regular team of cheerleaders; and wears shiny, red silk uniforms. Nevertheless, in both games, our team played strong basketball and only in the later stages of the second game could the Americans feel secure in victory.

Against Watford Grammar the team came up

from behind to win handily, largely by means of superior speed and determined rebounding by Woods and Bissel, but in the second game Watford's superiority in set-shots proved too much for us. Both games were spirited and close, and it is fair to say the teams were evenly matched. The seconds also split with Watford, showing vast improvement in the second game and the nucleus of a strong team for next year.

The match with Royal Masonic was also lost by the second half, the combination of a 6 ft. 8½ in. centre and some enterprising and original refereeing brought us to our knees.

Special mention must go to the consistent play of Mark Woods, Nick Usiskin and Geoff Lacey, whilst not forgetting the strong defensive contribution by the team's second American, Rick Bissell.

ZACH LEADER, *Captain*

CROSS COUNTRY

Last term's fixture list showed the large number of matches in which the school teams have competed.

Although basically a sound team, a pronounced lack of training led to the mediocre performance obtained in most matches. But, luckily, the lack of training didn't show itself as a lack of interest and enthusiasm; in fact the team was held together throughout the season by a wonderful feeling of keenness and determination.

For yet another season the team was supported by the valuable efforts of Vogler and Lyon who have both run very well throughout the season. These two have been backed up by some new "discoveries" namely Abrehart, Robinson, Cornforth, Benham and Johns. This year the first four places have changed hands far more frequently than in past years and this has led to a great deal more personal rivalry than before.

Although the juniors have had only a few races, some good performances have been achieved, notably by Wilton. Other up and coming youngsters include Robinson, Isaacs, Johns, Cresswell and Goater.

Both the senior and junior teams have succeeded in defeating some quite good opposition. The seniors defeated amongst others Mill Hill School, Shaftesbury Harriers, St. Albans School and Royal Masonic School. Coupled with this the school team also won the City of

London relay. The junior team, despite their lack of matches, defeated Mill Hill School, St Albans School and the Royal Masonic School.

The highlight of the home matches was our annual Goater Cup race. This entailed a lot of work for many people—for which we are grateful—and it was gratifying to find so many teams competing. This event is now becoming very popular with other schools and next year's entry should be even higher.

I must take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Goater and Mr. Palmer for their assistance throughout the term and also Miss Saville for her help by arranging early lunch and providing teas. Also I feel indebted to my secretary, Clem, Vogler, whose organisation of fixtures has run faultlessly throughout the season

P. HAMMERSLEY

MATCH RESULTS

Ranelagh Schools Race	7th
v. St. Albans & Royal Masonic	Seniors: 1st
	Juniors: 1st
Parry Trophy	4th
Herts Schools' Championship	8th
v. Mill Hill	Seniors: won
	Juniors: won
v. St. Dunstons/Bedford/Watford	Seniors: 2nd
	Juniors: 2nd
v. Shaftesbury Harriers	won
Guildford Relay	10th
v. High Wycombe	lost
v. Cambridge University	lost
Challoners Relay	8th
Harrow County Relay	8th
Goater Cup	10th
Southgate Schools' Race	3rd

FIVES

The Spring term saw the first serious attempt to bring the school back to the very high standard that was achieved in Westbere Road. Since the move to Elstree, there had not been any great attempt to participate in the game, but as a result of Mr. Taylor's tremendous help and enthusiasm the 1st IV were formed and five fixtures arranged by its secretary D. Brown.

The results of the matches were not good, with four defeats and only one win, but I do feel that a tremendous amount of experience was gained by a very "raw" team. Our first match against Merchant Taylors' School, showed us

exactly what we could expect from the other teams, and with each successive match, the improvement in our initiative and approach was very noticeable. It was a pity that more fixtures could not be obtained, for I am sure that a dozen hard matches is the only way to improve the team's standard. I hope that next season the School, with Mr. Taylor's help, will begin to recognise Fives as a major sport.

1st IV. M. R. Castle D. N. Vogel
D. A. C. Brown R. J. Shumwell

M. R. CASTLE

HOCKEY

Although the 1st XI improved on last year's results by winning two of its matches, the season was not as successful as hoped, mainly because the team could not attain true mastery of the basic skills of hitting, stopping and passing accurately. However, enthusiasm was never lacking in either the 1st or 2nd XI. Overcoming the nervousness that caused our first defeat against Royal Masonic, the team narrowly lost to Merchant Taylors'. The defence as a whole played very well, especially Gaskell who made the most spectacular save of his second season as goalkeeper. Two matches were cancelled this year, yet our first victory in the club's history was achieved in a snow blizzard. The last two games, against Aldenham and St. Albans, were the fairest, and, if all the chances had been seized, both, instead of one, would have been won. The 2nd XI improved as the team progressed, ably captained by Drake. Often their opposition was as good as that of the 1st XI, and they did well to draw two of their matches. Strachan, Rouse and Pidgeon proved a very effective defence, and the whole team was transformed by those fourth formers selected,

whose capabilities should produce very good results next year, and lead eventually to better fixtures as the standard improves.

Those deserving special mention are: Inchley, whose advice and play were vital to the team; Shah, who always played skilfully and usefully; and Woolerton, who with two seasons to come, will continue to develop his very capable talents, and provide inspiration to later teams with the experience he has got from two years in the 1st XI. Lastly I would like to thank Mr. Thomas on behalf of the 1st, and Mr. Dawson on behalf of the 2nd XI, for their patience and advice.

J. R. MATTHEWMAN

RESULTS

1st XI v. Royal Masonic 2nd XI	Lost	0-4
2nd XI v. " Colts XI	Lost	0-4
1st XI v. Merchant Taylors 1st XI	Lost	1-2
1st XI v. Bancrofts 2nd XI	Won	1-0
2nd XI v. " III XI	Drew	1-1
1st XI v. Aldenham 2nd XI	Won	1-0
2nd XI v. " Colts XI	Lost	0-5
1st XI v. St. Albans 2nd XI	Lost	1-2
2nd XI v. " Colts XI	Drew	1-1

SOCIETIES and ACTIVITIES

SOCIETY SURVEY

Biology Society	<i>Master in charge</i>	<i>Secretary</i>
Canoe Club	Mr. Goater	D. P. Riddle
Chess Club	Mr. Dudderidge	P. A. W. Edwards
Christian Union	Mr. Everson	M. V. Gwyn
C.E.W.C.	Mr. Bausor	M. J. Deall
Debating Society	Mr. Willatt	R. F. Turnbull
Film Society	Mr. Mole	M. P. Mire
Geography Society	Mr. D'Arcy	C. R. Griffin-Beale
History Society	Mr. Everson	T. J. Chipperfield
Middle School Society	Mr. Avery	M. J. Drake
Model Aero Club	Mr. Mole	J. Launer
Motor Enthusiasts Club	Mr. FitzGerald	J. S. Albert
Photographic Society	Mr. Anderson	C. D. Sharples
Poster Artists Federation	Mr. Creedy	D. J. Warman
Radio Society	Mr. Adams	D. Baker
Sailing Club	Mr. Wood	J. O. S. Kennedy
Sceptics	Mr. Creedy	D. Dymond
School Press	Mr. Stuart	J. R. Barker
Science Society	Mr. Keevil	D. Shemuel
Shooting	Mr. Carleton	R. L. Farley
Stamp Club	Mr. FitzGerald	P. F. Davis
Theatre Society	Mr. FitzGerald	M. D. Collins
Transport Society	Mr. Dawson	D. M. Marks
<i>Juniors</i>	Mr. Poole	A. G. Treves
Astronomy Club	Mr. Harris	P. Harris
Drama Society	Mr. Harris	P. Beales
Geographical Society	Mr. Harris	R. Polakoff
History Society	Mr. Avery	J. M. Landers
Technical Society	Mr. Wakely	E. Green

C.C.F. ARMY SECTION

The past year has been extremely active for training. The programme of the different Platoons and Sections culminated in examinations of Basic Training, Proficiency, and Signalling and Engineering Classification, the percentage pass being high in every field. For practical training, Autumn Field Day adopted the form of a day and night exercise for the proficiency cadets and above. It was held in the R.M.A. Sandhurst training area which was well-suited to our requirements.

The Spring term presented various opportunities to all cadets. A night exercise was held around the school grounds and Aldenham Park and the defending side, proving too efficient, thanks to radio communication, almost brought the operation to an early close. A week later, three sergeants and four corporals went, by invitation, on a night exercise with Cambridge University O.T.C., and much experience was gained. (See separate article in "Expeditions" Section). Each section pursued its own line of activity on Spring Term Field Day and results

showed that sections can work alone as well as together.

Happily, last term, the Range kindly donated by the Army, reached a state of completion. Shooting commenced in the last week of the Spring term, and the range came into full use in the Summer term. The Assault Course, which suffered extensively from tree-felling on the drive, has been renovated by diligent work on the part of the Engineers Platoon, and it has been used to good advantage. The Signals Platoon has obtained a 19 radio set for the C.C.F./A.C.F. National Wireless Network and in a short time contacts have been numerous.

The Summer term promises to be a good one for us, as Field Day embodies the whole Army section; Annual Inspection takes place this term as well.

The following have been on courses:

Armourers Course: Cds. Cronin, Hall

Drill Courses: L/Cpls. Eades, Haslehurst, McCartney.
Cds. Goy, Blessley N., Dymond J., Hurley, Roscoe.

Signals Course: L/Cpl. Thornley.

EXERCISE WITH CAMBRIDGE O.T.C.

On the 20th February, seven of us left London, with 3 inches of snow on the ground, for Cambridge University Officers' Training Centre, all wondering what lay ahead of us in the next 36 hours. On arrival at Cambridge we were issued with the new self-loading rifle and a hundred and fifty rounds of ammunition per person; each section was issued with a Bren gun, magazines of bulleted blanks, trip flares, Verey flares and thunderflashes.

At midday we moved by lorry to Stanford Training Area in Norfolk. On arrival we took up a defensive position around a deserted farmhouse; this included setting booby-traps and trip-flares. All this time the enemy tried to push us back from the position using a variety of methods, including mock artillery fire. During the evening a reconnaissance and fighting patrol went out; both had trouble avoiding enemy flares.

At midnight the enemy attacks became too intense and the entire platoon made a tactical withdrawal. En route we were forced to cross a bridge, where we were ambushed. This meant the platoon had to attack in absolute darkness,

and this manoeuvre proved interesting to all concerned. After reaching the other bank we were allowed a few hours sleep.

When we woke up, we found the ground covered in a layer of fine snow. At 09.00 hours on Sunday, we commenced an offensive which involved a series of actions including section and platoon attacks and building clearance, a novelty to all of us. This ended the exercise and we returned to Cambridge full of praise for the weekend's activity.

Throughout the exercise we were constantly reminded to act as though we were on active service. This, along with the bulleted blanks, smoke grenades, etc., made it far more realistic than anything we had previously experienced. However, steps are being made to obtain similar aids for our own Army section. We have been promised the chance to attend more exercises with the University in the future.

The following attended:

Sgts. Blessley, Mead, Tucker.

Cpl. Howells. L/Cpls. Cooper, Haslehurst, Woolnough.

A. J. MEAD

ROYAL AIR FORCE SECTION

The past year has been hectic as far as gliding was concerned. The Squadron's own glider was made unserviceable a few times owing to minor breakages. Nevertheless, a good deal of use was made of the aircraft, and many cadets have completed both slides and hops. A and B gliding courses were scarce, owing to government indecision as to the future of R.A.F. Hendon, where nearly all our cadets receive their training. Pending Hendon's closure the unit was reaffiliated to Swanton Morley, which meant a reduction in places available. But as it is now certain that Hendon may close between the next two and twenty years, the section is back with 617 gliding school. Besides A and B courses, two days were made available for Air Experience Gliding in Sedberghs.

Field days have been out of the ordinary this year. Besides the normal visits to the Royal Air Force stations, Abingdon and Odiham, parties have twice been the guests of the Royal Navy at R.N.A.S., Yeovilton, the R.N.'s interceptor training station. During the Spring term a much demanding map-reading exercise was held in the snow, over an area of 50 sq. km. This produced many interesting results of good use to future N.C.O.'s. During the day part of the exercise, the Signals Section supplemented R.A.F.

N.C.O.s in providing a "Net" for the Basic Section.

Examination results have been of the usual standard; of 11 cadets taking Advanced, 8 gained distinctions, 2 credits, and one a mere pass. All 21 cadets taking Proficiency passed—the majority gaining credits or distinctions.

During Easter 1964, 35 cadets went to the Coastal Command Station, R.A.F., St. Mawgan, and during the summer a party went to R.A.F. Chivenor, the R.A.F.'s interceptor training station. It was unfortunate that the summer camp was run by somewhat unsuitable A.T.C. officers, who fled as soon as any difficulties arose. This no doubt put many people off this Easter camp, again at Chivenor, despite it being a small camp, for C.C.F. only.

The strength of the Section now stands at 75. It has been encouraging to see that a good number of the Section this year are seeking careers in the Royal Air Force, although it must be stressed that recruitment to the Regular Service is not the primary object of the C.C.F.

Finally, the Section would like to congratulate Sqdn./Ldr. Carrington on his 20 years' service with the Section, and thank him on behalf of all 800-odd past and present members, for whom he has achieved so much. V. L. MAKATITA

ROYAL NAVAL SECTION

This year has been a very successful one for the Naval Section. The complement has increased from 25 to 39 members. We were sorry to see the departure of Sub-Lt. Browning, after many valuable years' service, to take up his new position as Joblings Housemaster, but welcome the arrival of Sub-Lt. Wrench who has already made his mark when taking Pulling.

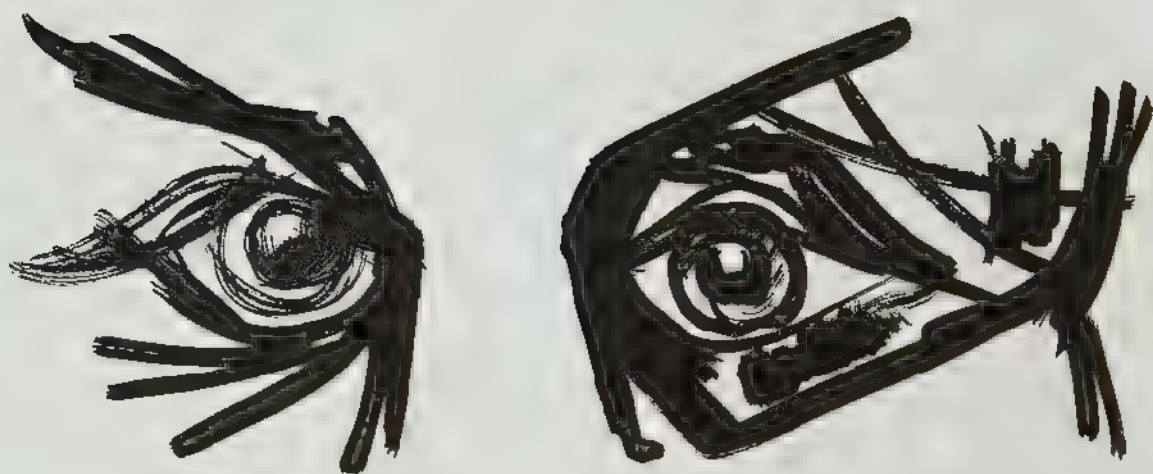
Last summer cadets went on camps at the Boom Defence Depot, Aultbea (Loch Ewe), and the Amphibious Training Unit, Royal Marines, Poole. Two cadets also went to Gibraltar aboard H.M.S. *Urchin*, a Frigate of the Dartmouth Training Squadron, in Operation Rockhaul 2.

This Easter eight cadets are going to Gibraltar*

aboard the Aircraft Carrier H.M.S. *Centaur* for a fortnight, six cadets are going to H.M.S. *Vernon*, the Undersea Weapons school in Portsmouth, and also six to the 17th Frigate Squadron in Devonport. In the Summer twelve cadets are going aboard an M.F.V. in the Clyde, and six more are going to Loch Ewe. Both of these camps have had members of this Section on them twice before, thus proving how popular and worthwhile this type of activity is. Now there are three members of the Section in the Royal Naval Reserve they are able to exert some influence in making available places on cruises to the Continent and the Channel Islands. G. ST. GEORGE

* See separate reports in the Expeditions section

originals



Eyes by Roger Calvert



NEW

I remember a long, black log, blunt at one end and dividing into a spray of twisted branches, like a cluster of tentacles, at the bottom of our garden—a monster which I was safe from, sitting on the window-sill of the back room, and which was not a monster when I went outside. At the same side of the house as the log, grew a small, green-white clump of flax which broke into fibres when I pulled it with my fingernails.

Our house was on top of a hill, and gales beat around it, rattling the window panes, causing a yellow flask on another window-sill to move in little shuffle-hops until it seemed it would fall on the wooden floor and break. It never did fall off, but I could tell it had, for I could see where it had been held together with glue.

Further down the hill I met an older boy who had taken a steel helmet from the cellar of our house before we came. The leather-cutting machine was there now. It was fair he had it, because he had got it before we came, didn't he, he asked. I supposed it must be, because he wouldn't have asked if it wasn't.

Once he put the steel helmet on me and said that I should walk along a brick wall above an expanse of concrete. The steel helmet was heavy and the concrete seemed very hard, and I didn't think the helmet would help much if I fell off, but I walked to the end. Then he said, "You look pretty good like that. Come back now." I did.

A 'plane passed over like a silver horsefly, buzzing.

"That's a Nazi plane, a Nazi plane," he yelled, "Er-er-er-er, I shot it down."

"What's a Nazi plane?" I demanded.

"A Nasty plane, a nasty plane, ha-ha-ha, that's funny."

I didn't find out what a Nazi plane was. I think the boy's name was Tom, but maybe that's only a guess.

Sometimes we went down the hill into the town, Wellington, and usually it was to visit my grandmother. To reach her house we traveled by cable-car up another hill. I could sit on the outside of the cable-car and when it wasn't in the tunnel could see the other cable,—shiny, made of silver strands—being pulled in the opposite direction to the one we were going in. Half way up we would pass another car, also red, going down.

My grandmother's house had a musty smell, a silver snuff box with a Kiwi on top and a worried atmosphere which made me nervous. I had a painting book of Red Indians kept there; my favourite picture was one of an Indian fishing from a log. I crayoned him dark red.

A long way out of Wellington, in a house on the edge of the bush, were the O'Shays. There were Patrick and Rory, alarming, raucous and loud, throwing boxing gloves and fighting in their bedrooms. They once took me into the bush to show me their air gun. We had to cross a rocky gorge, with a galloping stream at the bottom and ferns and small trees covering its sides, using a thick red pipe spanning its narrow end. The crossing was easy until I reached the middle, slipped and found myself straddling the pipe with my behind hurting. I didn't try to get up but, still astride, edged myself along to the other bank. I only became frightened after the event and when I had to cross back. The air gun was disappointing; it only went phut! and I could not see anything happen. On the way back I was lost.

ZEALAND MEMORIES

Later we left New Zealand for England. We passed through the Panama Canal and it rained. Not the wet flurry that visited Wellington occasionally but a steady torrent like running taps. We stood on the deck under a tarpaulin cover with the rain throbbing above us, watching the steep, green banks glide by, while through the ship's loudspeaker came, "In these forests jaguars, ant-eaters, monkeys and other animals are to be found . . ." I looked very carefully but I couldn't see any. There was a sodden, dead smell, unlike the sea water.

England was far, far colder than New Zealand ever was, the sort of cold that stuck my fingers and toes together. England was very different from New Zealand, different in colour, without illuminated greens, browns and blues, but reds, oranges, autumn yellows and grey weather. I had a grey coat that matched the weather. I was Napoleon in it and waited on the garden path for my father to come back from collecting the newspapers. In England you had big, black stoves with pipes that went into the wall; and a garden in which I grew "Love in the Mist" and Nasturtiums; and landladies. In England I was three.

These are the memories that come to mind when I write. Like fish, weird Paul Klee fish brought to the surface by various currents of thought, sight, smell or hearing; and like fish slipping away when I try to gasp them too firmly.

Nicholas Witheford, 3²¹



Robert Page 2¹⁵

CATERPILLAR

*Brown and furry
Caterpillar in a hurry;
Take your walk
To the shady leaf or stalk.*

*May no toad spy you,
May little birds pass by you,
Spin and die
To live again, a butterfly.*

NIGEL COX, 2/13

THE KILL

*The thin knobbled legs
gripped the ant's head,
squashed it in two,
pulped it and said,
 " What a thing,
it really is a bundle."
Its bloody legs
on which it had trundled
were dissected quite neatly
to shorten the bundle.
Its little antennae were limp and stumped;
the ant ceased breathing
before it was lumped;
it was dumped in a hollow,
all stony and rough,
where the black beetle
buried it
because it was tough.*

MARTIN BINKS, 2/13

SHADOWS

*Shadows of trees are ragged,
Shadows of houses are square,
A witch's shadow is small and haggard
Father's shadow is tall and spare.*

*My sister's shadow is small and neat,
My shadow is wide and fat,
Shadows often mingle and meet,
But still they remain quite flat.*

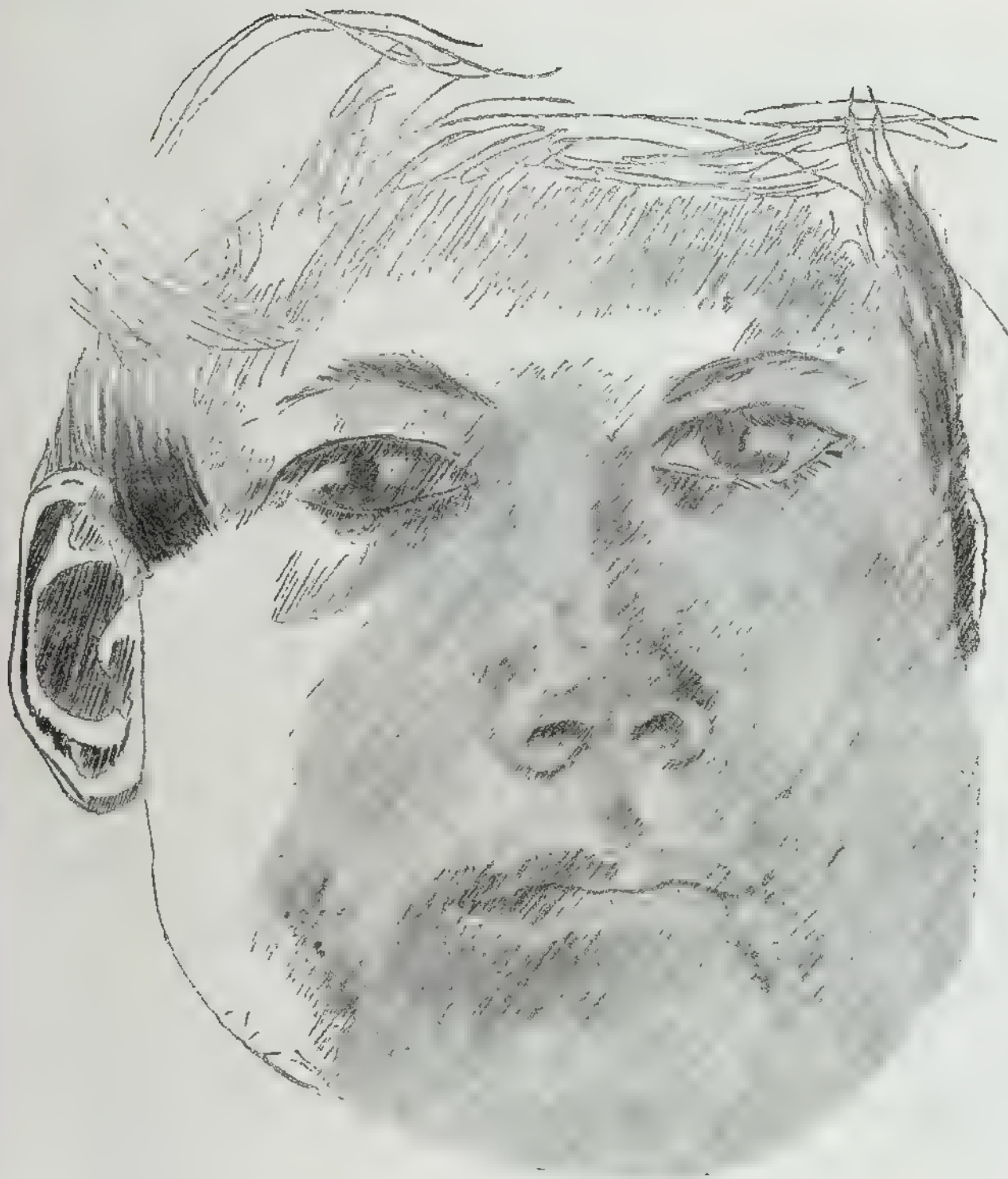
PAUL STUART-KREGOR, 10/7

TRISTAN POEM ONE

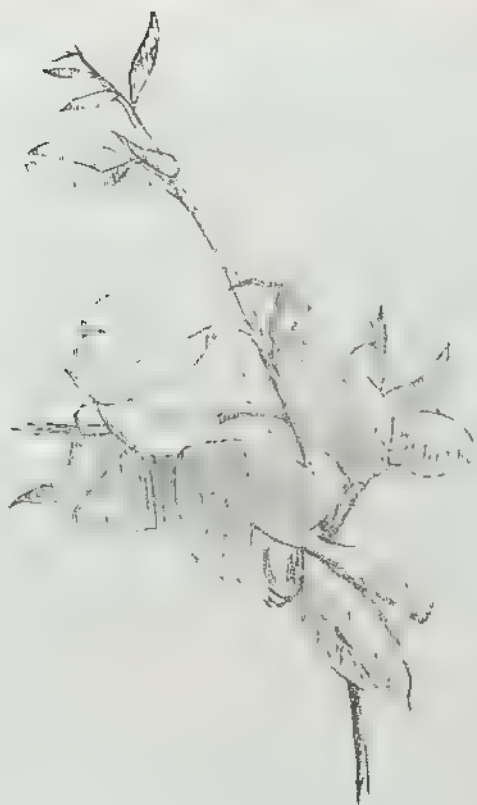
*Today I did not hear the sea,
or wood of my cabin stretch and yawn
at the slow well lifting the sleeping keel;
Today I clasped the wheel,
felt the timber through my fingers yield
to the stone heavy swaying wave.
Yet, today, I did not hear the sea—
yes, even when the stern-wind paused,
turned and spat brine at our prow,
and the skin at my knuckles cracked, cold,
I did not hear.*

*Perhaps the song I heard—"Hail to our hero"—
Voices sweeping away the wave,
sang me from sail—"Hail to our hero"—.
Why now that song to me, why now?
my charge is silent and the sea—no sound.
Her handmaid came to me, waiting an answer—
no. Words fall. Mistress and servant are silent
as her thoughts spin answer around my song—
"Hail to our hero"—silent hero!
We apart do not speak, do not hear
sea and song shaped for others;
we together, silent sea lamenting
hero and steersman now—lover—lost.*

DENNIS MARKS, 6A Mod.



*Alan Hext, 6A Mod.
Self-portrait
and Flower Study*



*River Scene
Jonathan Edwards, 4²⁶*



TRAPPED

He was a quiet man, by nature. He always wore a bowler hat, and always carried a copy of 'The Times.' He worked on the stock-exchange, and travelled to it every day by tube. He had a specific place in a specific carriage that he always went to. He carried a lunch box in his brief-case. He was a bachelor, and lived in a flat in St. John's Wood. He was so typical of thousands of other little men who made their living in the Stock Exchange, that he was one of the permanent features of London, like the pigeons in Trafalgar Square. Yes, he was a quiet man, but inside his brain very strange things were happening. One day, when he got up in the morning (at seven o'clock precisely) he forgot to brush his hat. Another time, he almost impaled himself on the point of his umbrella. He found it hard to concentrate. This will not do, he thought. His subconscious was reacting. His routine was being interrupted.

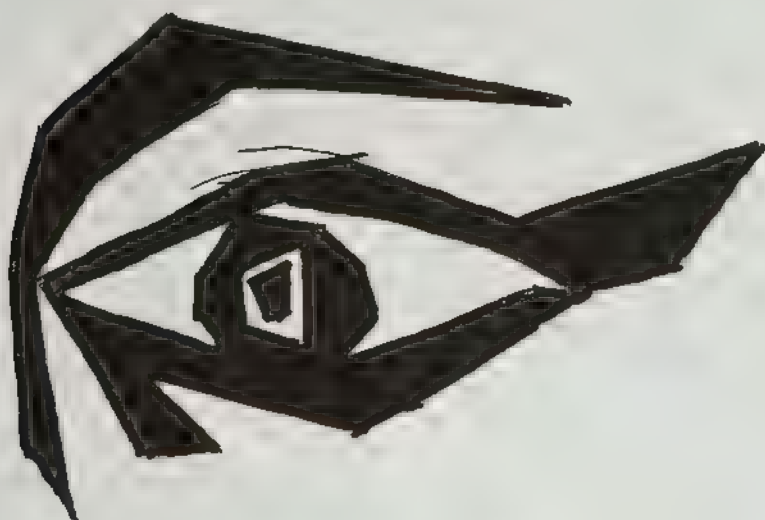
The Stock Exchange rang to the noise of hundreds of people. Our man had had a bad day, a very bad day. His alarm had gone off at five-thirty and he had not had a wink of sleep since then. At St. Paul's all the birds had flown away when he approached them with their usual crumbs. He was whirling and dancing within himself. Suddenly, it seemed, there was silence. The people had gone, the halls were empty, the doors were locked.

His footsteps echoed on the marble floor. Blue lights twinkled in front of his eyes. The doors were bolted. Growling madly, he swung himself through the vast expanse of marble. Marble everywhere. Then, like a pin-point in a fog, daylight gleamed through a window high above, in the ceiling. He was well and truly trapped. He took his umbrella and held it like a spear. It felt odd, but the spike was sharp, and if his aim was good . . . Whiz. And a shower of glass cut his face and hands. He ripped off his white shirt and tore down the curtains round the main hall. Snarling like an animal, our transformed man carefully made a long rope. He tossed it up to the window, and a loop on the end of it caught on to a chimney pot outside on the roof. He swarmed up it and, breathless, with power he had never dreamed he owned, swung out on to the roof.

High over London he balanced, with red beetle-shapes and small black splodges dotting the view below. He drew back his nostrils and leaped. On the next roof he jumped again, and again. Four roofs later he was exalted. He leaped again, soaring into the air towards the ledge . . . and missed.

As he fell, weird visions came to him. He saw alien beings, and heard them talk. As he dropped, he smiled. And he was still smiling when he hit the ground . . . and vanished.

David Templar (1/12)





Ian Ross, 3²⁰

An Impression

"Well, I said to her straight out, I said, 'look 'ere missus,' I said, 'I think there's a lot can be said for secondary education!' You should have seen her face,—oh hang on, here comes Jack, look, I'll see you later love, alright?"

She took her arm off the fence, and began to scratch the red impression that was left on her elbow, as she watched her husband carefully close the front gate, then pick up a small piece of paper from the ground, as he walked up the garden path.

"Had a hard day at the office love?" she asked sarcastically. "Well, never mind, you always have your lovely wife to greet you when you get home." She angrily stamped the cigarette out that she had been smoking, leaving a large, circular patch of mashed tobacco on the ground.

The man looked at it sorrowfully.

"I do wish you'd stop smoking," he said timidly, almost as if he were talking to himself.

"Oh, don't start that again!"

"I'm sorry dear."

"Well then."

He stood looking down at the ground, a tall, middle-aged man, with a bright-red complexion, and a surprisingly small mouth. He opened his double-breasted, mohair overcoat, that did not conceal his large waist line as he would have wished, took out a spotless, white, linen handkerchief, and began to pat that area of his head between his rippled forehead and the beginning of his greying locks.

"Well, are you gonna stand there all day? Get inside, there's some washing up for you to do."

"Yes dear."

He pushed open the front door, and opened the cupboard that was supposed to be for coats, although his wife used it for keeping her mops in. He took out a hanger, put his coat on it, then replaced it and seeing his wife's overcoat sprawled over the banister, he also hung that up.

Suddenly, an apron was slung at his feet and he was reminded that there was some washing up to do. He picked it up, and walked slowly to the kitchen, glancing at the barometer as he passed it.

He went to the sink and turned on the tap. He gathered up the cutlery and plates, and threw away the shells of the eggs he had had for breakfast.

"The barometer says it's going to be fine tomorrow dear," he said cheerfully to his wife.

"Oh, you and your barometer. It's never been right in all the twenty years we've had it!"

"Well, only last week it said it was going to rain, and it did," he said in a mildly defensive way.

"Yes it did rain, and on my damn washday as well. Anyway it was a coincidence."

"Yes dear."

He tipped the bowl up and rinsed the sink, making sure that all the tea leaves that had been sticking to the sides were washed away. Then he picked up a tea-towel, dried the dishes, and placed them in neat piles in the cupboard. After hanging up the gaily coloured apron he had been wearing, he walked into the sitting room.

His wife was sitting on the arm of a chair, another cigarette in her mouth, reading the 'Daily Sketch.' He looked at her with a puzzled frown, as he turned on the wireless to check the time his watch showed with the official time.

She was a few years younger than he was, but looked a good few years older. He noticed the curious appearance of her eyes, something he had not really examined before—they were large, round, and protruding, and looked pathetically amusing with their crescent-shaped, plucked eye-brows above and their sagging bags beneath. How he hated that thick rouge on her hollow cheeks. The ash dropped from the cigarette in her mouth, and he followed its path down her greasy cardigan, her tight skirt, and finally to the floor, where a slippered foot rubbed it into the carpet. He tut-tutted under his breath, and then, while his eyes were still in that region, he wondered how a woman could develop varicose veins sitting about all day.

His watch was thirteen seconds fast, and he duly adjusted it.

"David's late home this evening," he said, winding his watch, and genuinely concerned.

"What?—oh yes, he said he was going round to a friend's house or something."

"Well he didn't tell me," he replied hurt.

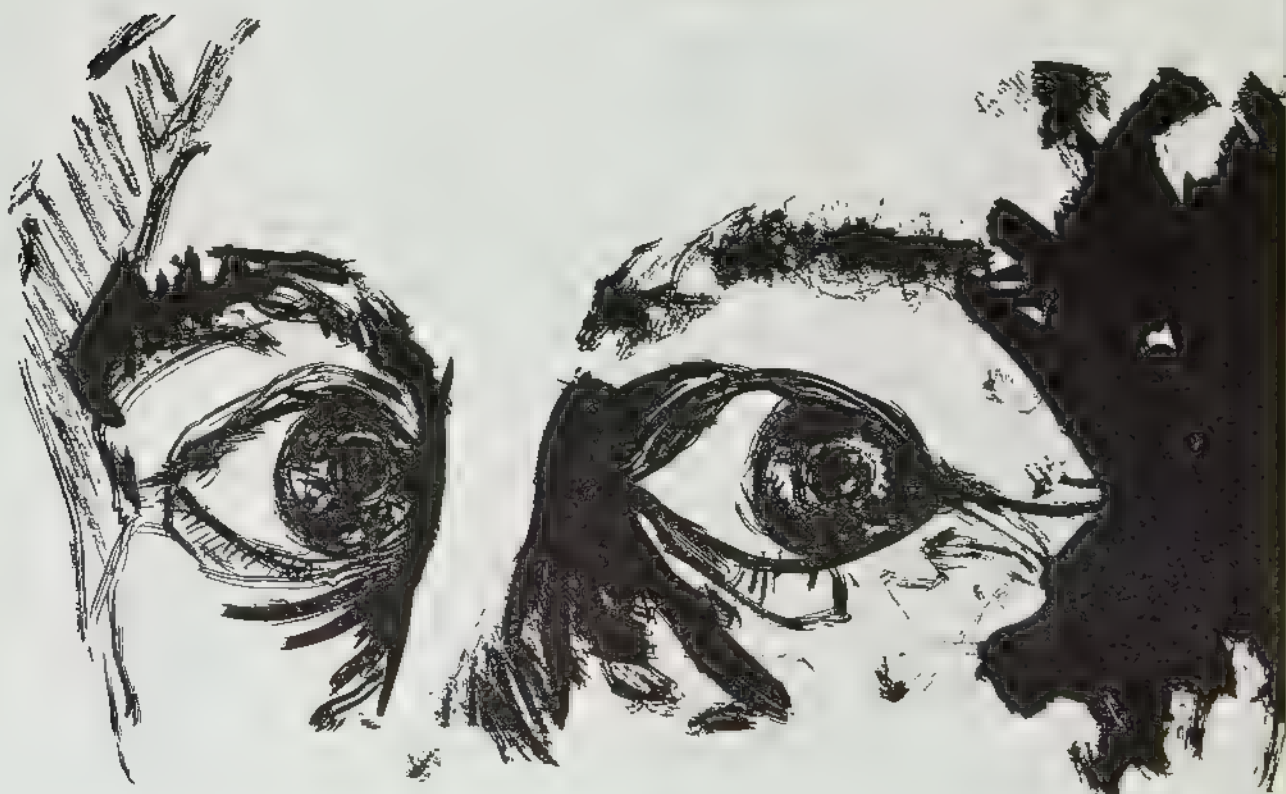
"He doesn't tell you everything, you know," she replied curtly, as she turned over the page to see what was on the television that evening.

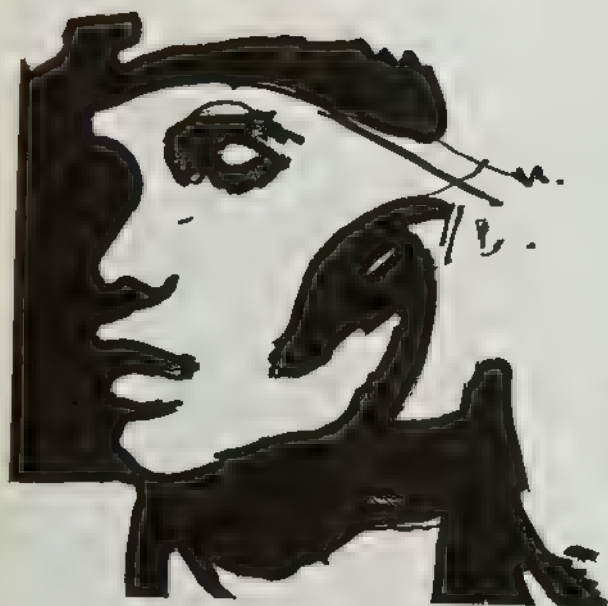
"No dear."

He went over to the fireplace, moved the picture that hung over it a few inches to the right, bent down, and brushed the ash that littered the hearth into a dust-pan, and threw it in the fire. Then he picked up an ash-tray that was on the mantelpiece and put it on the other arm of the chair his wife was sitting on, and gave a little cough.

"Put that back, you know we only use that when guests are here," she said, without looking up from her paper.

He sighed and did as he was told.





apartheid

Every Easter, down to the farm, by courtesy of Uncle; he owned it, and it was near the Game Reserve, and on the main road. Large, comfortable and very exciting—we always loved going. On the way down I'd stare out of the windows day-dreaming of hunting, and playing in the large sandpit with Anita. She was a Swazi.

When we arrived, the servants turned out, scrubbed and shining, to meet us. I found the whole procedure tiresome, and I usually wanted to talk to the shy piccaninnis, some Zulu, some Swazi, but they were always ill at ease in my presence.

Whenever I had to run an errand, I turned it into a treasure hunt ending at the shops. On one errand I met two Swazi boys, pushing cars made out of wire along the road; soon I was pushing one, and feeling much at home. I saw them twice again, and each time we grew friendlier.

The morning before we left, I was playing with Hendrik in the sandpit. He was a neighbour and 11 years old. Almost grown-up.

"Come on," he said, "let's go to Minty's and get some cigs."

"Do you smoke?"

"Course," he said, laughing.

On the way down the long drive we grabbed a lift on the farm lorry. As we turned out of the drive I saw my two friends with their cars. I waved.

"Do you know them?" Hennie asked.

"Yes! I mean, sort of. You see . . ." It all sounded rather lame.

"My dad says kaffir-lovers are scum". He spat over the edge of the lorry. "I hate them. I hate Kaffirs. I wouldn't touch one for . . . for . . . Bloody Scum, that's what they are! Scum!" He spat again for emphasis.

The lorry stopped with a jerk. We climbed off.

"Hey, tell me, do you like those Kaffirs?"

"Well!" His voice was commanding. I was shaking with fear.

I wanted to say yes! I wanted to say I hate you. I wanted to cry.

"No" I gasped, "I . . . I don't!"

I kept telling myself. "He's bigger than you!"

DAVID SWIRSKY, 321

BIOLOGY SOCIETY

The Society has been very active in the past year, many films having been shown. Several visits were organised, including one interesting excursion to Rothamstead Experimental Station at Harpenden, which, unfortunately, was limited to sixth-formers. This year many younger boys have joined the Society, and attendances at films have usually been around the forty mark, far higher than for many years.

The other aspect of the Society in recent terms has been the keeping of various animals. The aquaria and bee-hives have flourished since the school moved to Elstree, but now also on the feeding list every day are various coloured mice (used for genetical purposes only), guinea-pigs, rabbits and stick-insects. These animals are housed in the magnificent Animal House which

was erected during the Spring term by a group of hard-working boys and masters. The House has concrete foundations and floor and it will be possible to add further sections to it if the animals eventually outgrow their space. A sand and gravel path has also been laid.

I should like to thank a small group of Junior School boys for the work they have done for the Society and the school, and G. Mitchell and D. B. Webb for their assistance in administrative matters.

Finally, thanks go to Mr. Creedy for showing the films, to Mr. Brown and Mr. Goater for helping with the animals, and to Mr. Lydon for his assistance during the construction of the Animal House.
D. P. RIDDLE, *Secretary*

CHESS

As expected, with almost the same team as last season, the School did exceptionally well this year. It has achieved more success this season than any previous teams have done. Individual results have also been so good that five players represented the Middlesex Under-18 team, M. V. Gwyn, R. H. Watson, J. A. Sanz, P. F. Rosman and R. C. C. Saville, while Watson and Rosman played for the full Middlesex First Team.

The School's success has been shown in the league positions. The team won the Finchley League for the third time in four years and came second to City of London in the London League, going on to win the league by beating both William Ellis and City of London, 3½-2½. The School also reached the last sixteen out of 700 in the *Sunday Times* National Competition, having won their zone, and came fourth out of 30 in the London Lightning Chess Tournament.

RESULTS

London League:

Oct. 2nd v. St. Clement Danes	won	3½-2½
Oct. 9th v. Highgate	won	6-0
Oct. 13th v. City of London	lost	5-1
Oct. 22nd v. Christ's College, Finchley	won	3½-2½
Jan. 21st v. St. Aloysius	won	5-1
Feb. 8th v. William Ellis	drew	3-3
Mar. 11th v. Owens	won	4-2
Mar. 16th v. Quintin	won	6-0
Played 8; Won 6; Drew 1; Lost 1; 26 points for and 12 against.		

Finchley League

Nov. 27th v. Queen Elizabeth's, Barnet	won	3½-2½
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Dec. 3rd v. Finchley County	won	3½-2½
Dec. 14th v. William Ellis	won	3½-2½
Jan. 27th v. Haverstock	won	6-0
Feb. 16th v. Christ's College, Finchley	drew	3-3
Mar. 9th v. St. Aloysius	won	6-0
Mar. 19th v. Highgate	won	5½-½
Mar. 26th v. Woodhouse	won	4½-1½
Played 8; Won 7; Drawn 1; Lost 0; 35½ points for and 12½ against		

Sunday Times National:

Nov. 6th v. Southgate County Grammar	won	5-1
Dec. 9th v. University College School	won	3½-2½
Jan. 15th v. Bedford Modern	won	6-0
Feb. 2nd v. Orange Hill Grammar	won	4-2
Mar. 3rd v. Queen Elizabeth's Barnet (zone final)	won	4½-1½

Played 5; Won 5; 23 points for and 7 against.

Regular players for the Senior Team were M. V. Gwyn (*Capt.*), R. H. Watson, J. A. Sanz, R. C. C. Saville, G. Lacey, B. M. Rothbart and P. F. Rosman, while E. J. Grunwald and C. Francombe were very useful reserves.

The Junior team had an uneventful season coming 20th in the London League Junior Section. Great promise is shown by D. R. Rosen, B. R. Green and I. B. J. Gondie. Other regular players were P. F. Rosman (*Capt.*), who won all his games, M. K. Garner, J. Goater, D. A. Arghis, Freedman, Jessell and Fletcher.

In conclusion I would like to thank Mr. Everson for his help during the last two terms and Miss Saville for providing the teas, often at very short notice.
M. V. GWYN, *Secretary*

CHRISTIAN UNION

The Christian Union is often regarded as a rather exclusive club or society attended by a few boys who want a bit of extra religion. This certainly is not the aim of the Christian Union and is not the picture intended to be given. Firstly, it is a society within which Christians can discuss their faith, talk about topical subjects and listen to outside speakers talk of their work and experiences, (e.g. missionaries, ministers, students and businessmen). Secondly, it is seeking to interest boys of the School in the claims of the Christian faith in the Bible and how this might affect them.

This term, I think, we have been successful in our first aim. From a varied programme, possibly the most notable meetings were visits

from a London Docks missionary, and from Geoff. King, an Old Boy, now in his final year at Bible College, and a lively discussion on Sunday Observance today.

In our second aim we can only claim moderate success, having seen just five or six new faces at our meetings this term. We would like to see more members, especially of the Middle School, joining us, taking the place of those leaving. I think they would find the programme interesting and they would certainly be very welcome.

Our grateful thanks must go to Mr. Cheyney and Mr. Bausor for their helpful advice and support and also for the use of rooms for General and Prayer Meetings.

M. J. DEALL

DEBATING SOCIETY

Although the attendance at debates during the past five terms has been consistently high—averaging over eighty—the numbers of those actually willing to debate have remained small. The reasons are probably a mixture of laziness, nervousness and lack of ability; the first must be destroyed and the second forgotten. Because of this, the Debating Society has been unable to plan a full programme of in- and out-of-school activities. The Spring term was devoted to out-of-school activities; the Summer to debates in-school.

The School was defeated in the second round of the Hertfordshire Schools Debating Competition, and in the first round of the Schools Debating Association Debating Competition. The School won through to the finals of the English Speaking Union Public Speaking Competition, but—to the amazement of many who had heard all the teams—Haberdashers' lost

and were placed third. At half-term the Society were guests of the St. Albans School Debating Society. Later in the term, the Society were the guests of the St. Albans City Debating Society and debated a motion in the St. Albans library.

I would like to thank all those who debated and spoke for the Society last term; the Society's committee for the work that they have done; and the Society's Chairman—Zachary Leader—for his valuable efforts. Finally, I would like to thank the President—Mr. Humphreys—for everything he has done for the Society during the three years in which he has headed it. There is no other master who has expressed his belief in the importance of extra-mural activities in such a marvellously concrete manner and no amount of "Skylarkian" gratitude can fully express the Society's and the School's thanks.

MICHAEL MIRE, *Secretary*

FILM SOCIETY

In its Spring Season the Society maintained the encouraging position of the Autumn season. The audience was equally large and appreciative.

Apart from a special showing for the sixth form of *The Threepenny Opera*, the main season opened with *On the Waterfront* and *The Marx Brothers in A Day at the Races* and continued with two examples of the fruits of partnership

between Graham Greene and director Carol Reed: *The Third Man* and *Our Man in Havana*.

This last film was shown in its original wide-screen form, employing a special lens to project onto the back wall of the stage. Even more devoted ingenuity than usual was required from the projectionists, Chris Drew and Arthur Fleiss, to make this technical experiment succeed.

After the success of these two seasons, for which credit is due also to Peter Steinlauf's financial acumen and Mr. D'Arcy's advice, it would seem only right to break tradition and

brave the usual summer hazards of examination pressure by organising a short season of Bergman films in May.

C. R. GRIFFIN-BEALE, *Secretary*

HABERDASHERS' POSTER-ARTISTS FEDERATION

It would indeed be optimistic to say that the Poster Federation has been flourishing these past terms. Far from it, we have only barely been able to keep alive. This is not really surprising when one realises that there are only five boys in the Federation to deal with the requirements of a school of some thousand boys. Our decline can be attributed to several things. Firstly the notice board of events in the hall each morning is thought by many boys to be sufficient advertisement for most events. Secondly the lack of new blood joining us (we have no members below the 4th form). The hall notice board is *not* sufficient advertisement. For an event to be successful, boys must know about it well in advance. The lack of new blood is perhaps due to two popular misconceptions; that we are a group of the S.S.U. and that we are a closed shop. We are most certainly not a group of the S.S.U.—any boy from the 1st form upwards may become a member—and absolutely any boy provided he is willing to spend the time and trouble can join (although no poster of sub standard artistic value will be put up).

Provided the order for a poster is given to us at least two weeks before the event, we will make every effort to see that a poster appears in good time. Any organisation that is to function with any degree of efficiency must have rules and it is most important that the poster order is filled in at a very minimum two weeks before the event.

The corridors of our school could so easily become places giving the impression that we stick our bits of waste-paper covered with illegible felt-pen writing on the walls for lack of better places to put them. This must never happen. We must not be swamped by rows of felt-pen advertisements or bored by the ugly brown of the naked notice board. What we are striving for is, I think, very worthwhile and deserves as much support as possible, so please, if you feel that you would like to attempt this interesting art medium, do come up to the art room and have a go. It can be very rewarding.

Lastly I would like to thank on behalf of the Federation Messrs. Adams and Keevil for their assistance throughout the term. D. BAKER

HISTORY SOCIETY

In past years the History Society has been largely content to lie dormant during the Spring term and concentrate its guest speakers more particularly in the winter. Last term, however, a programme was arranged and was opened by the previous term's secretary, David Lindsell, with an extremely mature and well-illustrated paper on Stanley Baldwin, into which he had obviously put a tremendous amount of work. This set a high standard which was upheld in a series of three lunchtime book reviews: Mire on *The Anarchists*, Bissell on *Lincoln*, and Shrine on

Lenin, all of whom I would like to thank for taking the time and trouble to prepare talks outside an already crowded syllabus. The success of our society depends on the willingness of its members to devote time to papers such as these. Thanks too are due to Mr. Avery for keeping, as ever, a fatherly eye on proceedings and also to Landers who has put a good deal of enthusiasm into the Junior History Society and whose report appears on page 33.

M. J. DRAKE, *Secretary*

MIDDLE SCHOOL SOCIETY

One of the troubles of running a school society is that the committee has to be changed each year and the beginning of the Autumn term usually marks a lull in school activity while societies are being disinterred by newly-

appointed committees. Unfortunately this annual process of disintegration is accelerated when the society is run by fourth or fifth formers who are involved in G.C.E. Examinations during the Summer term; thus the Middle

School Society is probably the school society most vulnerable to this tendency to lose vigour in these terms. With this borne in mind, it was decided at the beginning of the Autumn term not to appoint a chairman or secretary, as this in the past had added to the lack of activity when one of these officials was absent or disinterested, but instead to form a more vigorous society with a three-man committee, each member holding equal responsibility. With this system we have been able to work much more effectively and continuously than many other societies.

We began this year's activities late in the Autumn term with an Annual General Meeting which was attended by only twelve people, this immediately ruining all our hopes for a better society. It was decided to concentrate all effort for the rest of the term on a debate with the motion that "This House Thinks the Middle School is Apathetic." Much to our delight this had the desired effect of attracting an audience of more than sixty, most of whom had come merely to disprove the motion by their presence. The Spring term was thus begun much more confidently and the new idea of a "Burning School Debate" was launched. In this, two members of the Staff and three boys were invited to present arguments for the rescue of their departments or sections of the school in the event of a fire. An entertaining speech by Mr. D'Arcy assured the Maths. Staff of survival by

a huge majority of votes.

In the middle of the term the rehearsals for Verdi's Requiem limited our activities and we were not able to arrange more than one jazz record recital and a visit to the "Shoemaker's Holiday." On the last Friday of term a live concert with masters performing was planned. To our amazement this attracted an audience of nearly 250, which must surely be the largest audience ever gathered for a lunchtime society meeting. This huge audience enjoyed professional performances from Messrs. Mole, Evans, Wakely, Goodson, Palmer and Dodds, and a trombone and euphonium duet by A. McGregor and M. Williams which stressed admirably the informality of the concert for which we had hoped. To these performers go our thanks, and particularly to Mr. Mole who has in his first year at the school spent much of his time helping to run the society.

So it is with confidence that we start the Summer term, but unless we find more support from third formers we fear the Middle School Society may return to the inaction of former Summer terms. We do not want this to happen and will do our best to prevent it, but past years have shown that a small number of boys all involved in taking exams, cannot run a society.

Committee
J. M. N. LAUNER
D. A. CONWAY
M. J. EDWARDS

MODEL AIRCRAFT CLUB

Another attempt was made last term to revive the club, which had at the outset a nucleus of 10 members. Activities were unfortunately restricted to 2 competitions (as a result of poor weather conditions). The "Chuck Glider" competition had a very disappointing entry of 3, and the "Raf Race" (organised in two classes)

also suffered somewhat from apathetic competitors. It is nevertheless hoped that the summer weather will bring more opportunities for flying, and plans are being made to attract more younger members with flying demonstrations and films

J. R. FULLER, *Secretary*

MOTOR ENTHUSIASTS' CLUB

The Motor Enthusiasts' Club was re-formed in the Autumn term of 1964 to promote interest throughout the school in all aspects of motoring. It does this by showing films and organising visits to places of motoring interest. Membership of the club is still rising steadily.

Apart from the facilities mentioned above, we

hope shortly to give lectures on the working of the internal combustion engine. If possible, we hope also to purchase a motor on which to practise. Meanwhile, future programmes are being planned and we hope that membership will continue to increase.

C. D. SHARPLES, *Secretary*

RADIO SOCIETY

The Society, now in its second year, and having attained a membership of thirty, has been fortunate in being allocated funds for a Communication Receiver, which I hope will one day be used in conjunction with a transmitter. The building of the set was shared by some of the more experienced members of the Society, and the receiver should be one of the attractions on Open Day. We urgently need a permanent room for the set, and for the erection of a permanent aerial system.

The Society's meetings, well publicised by the bold and imaginative posters painted by R. A. Hellawell, have covered a wide range of topics and have, on the whole, been well attended.

Members of the Society have given authoritative lectures and demonstrations on subjects ranging for "circuit wiring" to "computers," from "batteries" to "loudspeakers." One of the highlights of last term's meetings was the visit of D. P. Bray (G3/TID) who was last year's secretary and is now a fully licensed "ham." He brought along his transmitter to the School and successfully communicated with a school net which included Watford Grammar School.

I should like to thank our efficient treasurer and adviser J. A. Lang, the rest of the committee, and Mr. Wood for his boundless enthusiasm for the Society's activities.

J. O. S. KENNEDY, *Secretary*

SAILING CLUB

Unfortunately, Mr. Creedy was unable to supervise sailing during the last half of the Autumn term and first half of the Easter term, and, consequently, sailing did not start again until the end of February. It was decided then to increase the membership of the club from a total of about eight. The result of a five-day recruiting campaign was to boost the membership to 49! Needless to say, most of these have not up to now been sailing, but those who have been are most enthusiastic. Now that subscriptions within the club have been abolished, there should be more people sailing regularly on Saturday mornings. This Summer term, the club is starting to race seriously, both in the

Hertfordshire Schools' League and also against individual clubs. We shall be using an Enterprise dinghy, bought by the Schools' Sailing Association, in which we have a share, for League racing. The School has provided life-jackets of an approved design for the sailing and canoe clubs, so that now only safe lifejackets are worn by members. We would like to thank Mr. Creedy for all his work for the club, and also Messrs. Clark, Gullett and Adams for supervising sailing when Mr. Creedy himself has been unable to do so.

D. DYMOND, *General Secretary*

P. A. W. EDWARDS, *Racing Secretary*

SCEPTICS

One cold afternoon last December, somebody realised that *The Sceptics* was fast going the way of the '61 *Society*. In the Autumn term we had had a few pitifully attended meetings, among them an interesting exploration of the history of the Académie Française. The Record Recitals were the only feature of the Society that was in any way continuous, providing, as it did, welcome doses of Schubert, Dvorak, Berlioz and Mozart for all sufferers from overwork, mid-term depression or "Macbeth" rehearsals.

The Society clearly could not be run by one person, so it was decided to have two secretaries and a committee of four boys and three masters. The next move was to begin a series of regular

talks by boys, for boys. The first of these was a concise, well-illustrated talk on *Duane Eddy* by a devotee of guitar music, William Jackson. For this we had the biggest ever-audience at a Sceptics meeting—forty-five. The second talk was rather wholly in both material and execution—Alex Scott-Samuel on *The Contemporary Cinema*. This was followed by a woolly magnificent exposé of the world of *Fantasy* by Ross Macgregor; the appreciative audience was, however, shamefully small. Darien Angadi's more successful talk on *Indian Music* certainly showed that music can develop in directions other than those of opera and sonata form and P. J. Proby. Although few left the packed room

any the wiser, the exotic instruments on display made it well worthwhile. Our final meeting of the term was a lively, three-sided discussion between Mr. D'Arcy, Mr. Evans and a pleasingly vociferous, if rather small, audience. The subject was *Automation*, and the discussion shattered many illusions and brought the whole problem into much clearer focus.

The Sceptics' Renaissance has not exactly been earth-shaking, and there is still much to do. But a tradition of "Sceptics Talks" has been started, and we have certainly learnt the value

of advertising—that if we want an audience, we have to convince people that they want to come along.

Our thanks to Dennis Marks and Philip Birch for organising the Record Recitals of Bach and Mahler, and to the committee for all the useful ideas they have provided. Finally we thank Mr. Stuart and Mr. Humphreys for the help and freedom they have given us.

JOHN BARKER, *Secretary*

JOHN ABULAFIA, *Controller General*

SCHOOL PRESS

Since our last report appeared in *Skylark* we have, amidst much pomp and ceremony, said goodbye to a few members of the School Press. The leavers, Graeme Bell—last year's Head Printer—Malcolm Wright, David Tarlow and John "Jonah" Cocking, would be surprised to know that although they might be missed, the work still carries on . . . and on . . . We are still inundated with orders from the many obscure societies and clubs dotted all over the school.

As usual, there have been the school play tickets and programmes to print, which this year were inscribed with "Macbeth," as well as the tickets for the school dance. In February we tackled the tickets for the Verdi Requiem: it might be added that, at the requisite times, our neighbours—the Poster Artists—joined in and helped in the advertising campaign.

Our neighbours on the other side, in the Common Room, may have noticed that during

March there was a questionable silence from the Sign of the Katherine Wheel; this was because our large press was out of action, but this has now been mended and frequently drowns the sound of dropping billiard balls! Now that the press is back in commission we hope to print another of Mr. Avery's books in time for Open Day: this is the third book of Mr. Avery's that has been printed at school and we are trying a new method of printing, which we hope will be successful.

I would like to thank my fellow printers who work hard and enthusiastically, not only during the specified S.S.U. time, but during their lunchtimes as well—although this may be because the kettle has now been mended and is in full operational order. I would also like to take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Keevil for his guiding help at all times, and Mr. Adams for the occasional tips received from the Art Rooms.

D. SHEMUEL, *Head Printer*

SCIENCE SOCIETY

The Science Society has been to a certain extent revived this year and more effort has been made to make the school aware of its presence. Films that have been or will be shown are primarily of a non-specialised nature, though there will also be a number of films which are of particular interest to the Science side of the school. Lectures and visits will continue to be included, though the first lecture this year, on "Computers," by Peterken, good as it was, was not given wide support. On the other hand, there appears to be no lack of support for visits,

as shown by the success of the "Government Chemist" visit.

It is hoped that, in future terms, the Upper School will become more aware of the Science Society, and that membership will not be limited to the "Science" side. With greater support, outside lecturers will be invited and films and visits will become more imaginative. Finally, we would like to thank Mr. Carleton for his continued advice and support throughout the year.

R. L. FARLEY, *Secretary*

S. J. GASKELL, *Treasurer*

SHOOTING

Despite a rather slow start, this year's small-bore season has proved to be an interesting and not altogether unsuccessful one for the School. Much speculation has been centred on the building of the School Range, although progress at times has been disappointingly slow, and in the meantime shooting has continued as usual at Kingsbury T.A. Centre and at the Old Haberdashers' range in Harrow.

The season started with the bad news that, owing to an unfortunate misunderstanding over entries, no teams had been nominated for the Hertfordshire Winter League. In order to provide some form of definite programme for the Autumn and Spring terms, it was decided to arrange a School competition on a league basis in place of the Hertfordshire League. This in fact enabled many of the new intake of fourth formers to gain valuable experience of competition shooting. The competition has since been won by J. R. Fuller and C. D. Sharples, who should be congratulated on their unbeaten record; J. R. Fuller was also highest individual scorer, with a total of 874 ex 900, this being a School record average of 97.1.

The School was placed second in the Junior Section of the 1964 N.S.R.A. Marksman Badge Competition with a total of 31 points, and it is hoped to improve upon this figure this year. Four teams were entered in both the Junior Spring and National Team Handicap Competitions, shot this year for the first time on the new British Experimental targets, but as yet results have only been received for the former:

"A" Team	758 ex 800	placed 18th
"B" Team	744 ex 800	placed 33rd
"C" Team	708 ex 800	placed 48th
"D" Team	713 ex 800	placed 45th

The House Competition for the Coules Cup

was held in March, Joblings being the eventual winners with a score of 710 ex 800, one point ahead of Calverts in a very exciting finish.

Several members entered both the Outdoor and Indoor Meetings organised by the Middlesex Small-bore Rifle Association during the season; the Outdoor Meeting at Hendon at the beginning of the Autumn term produced rather low scores, but in the Indoor Meeting, at Baker Street during March, considerable success was achieved. J. P. Waters was placed 1st in Class D with a total of 292 ex 300, and 1st in the Junior Competition with a total of 194 ex 200. In the Open Pairs Competition, N. R. Cooper and G. P. Davies finished in 2nd place with a score of 193 ex 200, and P. F. Davis, J. R. Fuller, G. M. S. Wright and G. P. Davies were all well placed in the Junior Competition.

An interesting innovation this year has been the arrangement of a number of day visits to Bisley for some early full-bore practice before the start of the season proper with the annual weekend at Bisley during the Easter holidays. It is again intended to enter the County of Lancaster R.A. Schools' Meeting at Altcar, near Liverpool, and training for the "run-down" will soon have to begin in earnest.

Looking further into the future, it is possible to envisage a very interesting open-range season with the hope that this year the VIII will fulfil its promise to a greater extent than in 1964. Now that the School range has been completed, far more small-bore shooting is possible during the Summer term, and with this view in mind four teams have been entered in the Hertfordshire Summer League for the first time. It will be interesting to see if the new combination of small-bore and full-bore shooting has any marked effect upon results. P. F. DAVIS, *Captain*

BISLEY WEEKEND, EASTER 1965

The full-bore season started as usual this year with a long weekend at Bisley during the early part of the Easter holidays. As in previous years it was well attended, although this year there was a noticeable lack of 4th formers, who might well have benefited most from the considerable opportunity for practice which the weekend provided.

An important innovation this Easter was the

almost complete elimination of the "seven-to-count" shoot which has dominated practice in previous years, and its supersession by the slightly more arduous, but certainly more beneficial "ten-to-count" target. This change resulted entirely from the decision to hire a greater number of targets this year, and its effects were soon apparent in the high standard of shooting which prevailed despite the cold

weather, strong, blustery winds and occasional heavy showers. The sum of the eight highest averages amounted to 508.6 (under Ashburton conditions), a very promising figure taking the weather into consideration. The weekend also incorporated the annual full-bore match versus the Old Haberdashers' Rifle Club, which the School won by the relatively narrow margin of six points.

On the whole, the weekend was a promising start to the full-bore season; if the standard set over Easter can be maintained, or preferably improved upon, during the next few weeks, the VIII should have a good chance of being well placed in the first three major competitions of the season.

P. F. DAVIS, *Captain of Shooting*

RESULT OF MATCH v OLD HABERDASHERS'

	200 yds.	500 yds.	Total
<i>School</i>			
J. R. Fuller	48	46	94
N. R. Cooper	45	43	88
P. A. Lawson	47	41	88
P. L. Redstone	43	42	85
			355
M. J. Caldwell	48	44	92
(shot for practice only)			
<i>Old Haberdashers'</i>			
B. P. FitzGerald	47	47	94
C. J. North	45	42	87
J. E. Freeman	43	42	85
M. Winney	44	39	83
			349

The School won by 6 points.

STAMP CLUB

Last term was a fairly active one for the Stamp Club, under the able direction of Mr. FitzGerald, especially for those members who take a live interest in meetings. A visit to Stampex was arranged, and this proved to be quite

successful. As well as this, work has been begun on cataloguing the School Stamp Collection.

This term it is hoped greatly to increase the scope and activity of the club, and new members will be welcome. M. D. COLLINS, *Secretary*

JUNIOR DRAMA SOCIETY

The Society started at the beginning of this Spring term. So far, it has had a promising year. The play *Julius Caesar*, from which we are taking extracts, is progressing well; indeed with the enthusiasm of our members the play will probably be completed by next term.

During the Oxfam Week in the Summer term, we hope to hold a raffle in aid of the charity. We also hope to obtain and show the film

The Golden Days of Drama!

In the future, we hope to obtain more films, and to produce extracts from *Julius Caesar* on Open Day.

Finally, our grateful thanks to Mr. Harris for the great help and assistance which he has given us in organising this new society.

G. W. MCGREGOR, P. BEALFS,
Secretaries

JUNIOR GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY

The society has had few meetings in the last year. But the standard of these has been very high, especially the excellent lecture by Professor Swinnerton on Fossil Footprints, which was wholeheartedly supported by our members.

This in turn led up to the arrangement of a number of Field Trips, of which only one has been carried out, owing to bad weather. This was a day trip to Woodham Brick Works near Aylesbury. Here a number of interesting geological finds were made. Another two trips were arranged for the Whitsun Half term

Holiday. They were to Rickmansworth (for fossils), and Waters End (swallow holes).

The society has also made a number of journeys to the Royal Geographical Society. We have collected a number of films and slides on South America and Oil, and these will be shown in due course.

It is hoped that, with a few more lectures and excursions, the society will reach the climax of its activities during the Summer term.

R. POLAKOFF, *Chairman*

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JUNIOR HISTORY SOCIETY

This is the second year of existence for the Junior History Society but in the first year we were only struggling to find our feet. At the beginning of this session, however, we amalgamated with the Main School History Society and so gained some invaluable help.

In the Autumn term we held only one outside meeting in the form of a very interesting expedition to Penne's Place where Mr. Avery pointed out the School's own excavation site; some members were able to take away souvenirs. In the Spring term we held four meetings: a talk on his own collection by Gloster of form 2⁴; an account of the first half of his journey

across the U.S.A. by Mr. Avery (with slides); and two very well-attended films on the History of Motor Racing and Aviation.

A fifth meeting was planned but the speaker fell victim to the flu epidemic and this had to be postponed.

Among next term's projected meetings are part two of the U.S.A., a second visit to Penne's Place (under different weather conditions, we hope) and at least one outside speaker, possibly on Archaeology.

Finally, I would like to thank Beales, Gloster and Mr. Avery for all their help in running the Society.

J. M. LANDERS

JUNIOR TECHNICAL SOCIETY

The Society was formed in the Spring term and has been very well supported. A number of lectures were given: by P. J. Green on *How to Make Your Own Go Kart*, D. S. Holder on *Duplicating*, R. L. Packer on the *Two-Way Telephone* and R. Cohen on *Watches*. We have also had films: *Television*, *Gas Turbines* and *Diesel Story*. A trip to Ford's Car Factory in Dagenham was arranged during the last half term holiday. This term we hope to have films

every second week, and, in the other weeks, either practicals or talks. We also hope to have a display on Open Day, when we can exhibit all the work we have made during the term.

I would like to thank Mr. Wakely, our patron master; R. Packer our secretary; S. L. Isaacs, our treasurer; and Rosen and Charles, who are also on the committee, for all the help and support they have given the Society.

E. M. GREEN, *Chairman*

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Forthcoming Events

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| 10th July | OLD BOYS' DAY combined sports at the School, Elstree. | 30th September | O.H.A. A.G.M. |
| | O.H.A. BUFFET DANCE at the Pavilion, Borehamwood to bring OLD BOYS' DAY to a close. | 29th October | O.H.C.C. ANNUAL DINNER at Lord's Tavern |
| 15th September | O.H.C.C. SUMMER DANCE at Hendon Hall Hotel, 8.30 p.m. | 11th December | O.H.R.F.C. ANNUAL DINNER at Hendon Hall, Hotel. |

BIRTHS

ASHBERRY—On 5th June, 1965, to Marie, wife of Peter G. Ashberry (1930-33), a son.

CHAMBERLAIN—On 1st February, 1965, to Angela, wife of Keith R. Chamberlain (1945-52), a son, Simon Keith.

CHURCHLAND—On 15th May, 1964, to Brenda, wife of John Churchland (1950-57), a daughter, Deborah Jeanette.

FAIRLEY—On 27th May, 1965, to Linda, wife of Richard J. Fairley (1949-55), a son, Steven Richard.

KENT—On 10th November, 1964, to Muriel, wife of F. John Kent (1947-55), a son, James Robert Francis. Amended notice.

LUMSDEN—On 11th June, 1965, to Anne, wife of Marshall S. Lumsden (1945-52), a son, Duncan Forbes Marshall.

POSTLE—On 3rd March, 1965, to Margaret, wife of Charles N. Postle (1944-51), a daughter, Jean Ann, sister for Elizabeth.

MARRIAGES

ANDERSON-CURRAN—On 18th August, 1964, at Wanstead Parish Church, Malcolm Anderson (1951-59) to Miss Brenda Curran. Melvin W. R. Steele (1952-59) was amongst the guests.

GOODMAN-DEAN—On 1st June, 1965, at Holy Trinity, Brompton Road. Timothy R. Goodman (1945-55) to Miss Penelope Dean. A. P. (Tony) Pettet (1948-53), A. P. (Tony) Goodman (1937-45) and G. Jones (1948-56) were also present.

JAMES-LAMB—On 12th June, 1965, at the Church of St. Mary and St. Andrew, Dollis Hill, David A. James (1939-47) to Miss Joan Lamb. Norman A. H. James (1933-40) was best man and the bride's brother Robert Lamb (1957-63) one of the ushers. David A. Coggins (1942-48), Neil Forsyth (1938-45), Bernard Smith (1938-42), A. T. (Tony) White (1938-46) and Donald W. Wells (1940-48) were also present.

PENGALOSE-BERRI—On 1st May, 1965, at the Greek Cathedral of St. Sophia, Moscow Road, W.3., Alexander J. Pengalose (1946-54) to Miss Angeliki Berri. Dem Pengalose (1942-47) and Stamos E. Pengalose (1942-48) were also present.

PETERKEN-WALKER—On 12th December, 1964, at St. Bartholomew's Parish Church, Haslemere; George F. Peterken to Miss Susan M. Walker. M. R. Trevelyan (1952-58) and Paul M. A. Peterken were also present.

POWELL-MAY—On 15th May, 1965, at Holy Trinity Church, Sydenham, Ian Powell (1948-53) to Miss Maureen Ann May. Robert Easterbrook (1946-53), Malcolm Iappin (1948-55) and Peter J. Vacher (1946-55) were also present.

SHELDON-DOWNES—On 20th March, 1965, at St. George's Church, Crouch End, Paul E. Sheldon (1953-59) to Miss Sandra Downes. Peter M. F. S. Spragge (1957-60) was an usher. David S. B. Clarke (1956-62), Richard J. A. Woolnough (1954-61) and M. J. Bongard (1956-63) were also present.

SMITH-TUCKER—On 27th February, 1965, at Keymer Parish Church, Near Hassocks, Sussex, Bernard Smith (1938-42) to Miss Joan Tucker.

WAND-SHIELD—On 10th May, 1965, at the Church in the Wood, St. Leonards on Sea, Glen D. Wand (1941-47) to Miss Judith Shield.

ENGAGEMENTS

STEELE-KUTTELWASCHER—The engagement is announced between Melvin W. R. Steele (1952-59) and Miss Veruska (Vee) Kuttelwascher.

USISKIN-RIVKINE—The engagement is announced

between Stephen Michael Usiskin and Gillian Claire Rivkine sister of A. R. Rivkine (1946-52).

LEVERTON-ADAMSON—The engagement is announced between Clive A. Levertton (1955-59) and Miss Elizabeth A. Adamson.

DEATHS

JOHNSON, Jack (1915-25) died suddenly 20th March, 1965.

PRICE, Geoffrey W. C. (1944-49) died 27th April, 1965.

PERSONAL

ANDERSON, Malcolm (1951-59) has been appointed to an Assistantship at Cornell University where he is on a four year postgraduate course for his Ph.D. in animal nutrition. The appointment resulted from the Honours Degree, to his B.Sc. obtained at Durham University in 1963, which he was awarded at Newcastle University where he also had a successful season as the University's first R.F.C. Captain.

BERKELEY, Roger C. W. (1951-56) has been awarded a Ph.D., having written his thesis last year, while also carrying out the duties of Assistant Lecturer at the Department of Bacteriology at the University of Bristol. He has celebrated by becoming engaged!

BLESSLEY, Kenneth H., M.B.E., (1920-32) has been appointed County Valuer to the Greater London Council

BROWN, N. Peter (1930-35). Peter Brown is a Captain in the R.N.R. in command of the Forth Division and has had the honour of being appointed an A.D.C. to Her Majesty this year. During '64 he had the pleasure of being in command as Senior Officer of the 10th Minesweeping Squadron, manned by reserves, which took part in an exercise from this country to Gibraltar for 14 days in August. He was thus able to see his brother Stuart E. Brown in Gibraltar who asks to be remembered to all O.H. who knew him.

CHAMBERLAIN, Keith R. (1945-52) is now an Inspector with the Northern and Employers Group of Companies in North Bedfordshire and Buckinghamshire.

FOULKES, George (1953-60) gained a B.Sc. in General Science at Edinburgh University last year and is now on a two year post-graduate course, reading Psychology. He has recently been elected President of the Scottish Union of Students.

HANDSCOMBE, Richard S. (1947-55) is now Factory Manager with Bernard Matthews Limited in the Norwich area. He lives in King's Lynn and would be pleased to hear from any O.H. in East Anglia.

ROBBINS, Terry A. (1946-54), who is now an Assistant Superintendent of Police in Zambia, was on U.K. leave in the Spring, but, unfortunately, not soon enough to put on an O.H.R.F.C. jersey again. (However, he was able to see the 1st XV's last game at Boreham Wood for the 64/65 season, probably assuming the result to be quite usual since he had been in the winning side against the same opponents in March 1958).

SPIRO, Stephen G., (1952-60) having gained B.Sc. Honours in Anatomy at Manchester University last year, has just become President of Manchester Medical School for the session 1965-66 and been given a place on a summer student course in the Department of Biochemistry at Harvard University for the 3 months of this summer.

THOMAS, Andrew H. (1955-61) writes to say that he has been playing fly-half and centre for the Hamburg Police—he is with the Chartered Bank! travelling all over the country for games against other German teams and British Services sides. He also mentions a tour in Prague, where four Czechoslovakian clubs were met. He is already looking forward to the 65/66 season in the U.K., where he returns in June. It is hoped that this means a return to O.H.R.F.C., rather than the Bank football.

LITTLEWOOD, Paul (1954-61) has obtained an Upper Second in Philosophy at the University of Sussex. He will now spend a year in Madagascar, teaching English.



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JUMBLE SALE 1965

At 2.30 p.m. on Saturday, 24th April, the main door of the Pavilion was ceremoniously unlocked. At 2.35 p.m. the Pavilion probably contained more people than ever before. The Association's first Jumble Sale was under way! By 4.00 p.m. you could move freely again, the largest member of the Staff had left his post at the door and some £65 had changed hands.

Those who responded to the circular requesting "jumble" did so very thoroughly, giving us anything and everything from a dress suit to a brass fender. The event had been publicised locally by leaflets, notices, etc., and the customers seemed well pleased. We were rated as a Jumble Sale of quality, we learnt, and were asked when the event would be repeated.

With sundry other sales the total net profit for O.H.A. funds was £66 approx. We feel this shows the venture to have been well worthwhile, and, with good support from the Association's members next Spring, and the added publicity the first Sale will have achieved locally, we look forward to at least equal, if not greater, success next time.

Thanks are due to all who provided "jumble"—the first basic essential for success—and particular thanks are due to those members, wives and mothers who, with intrepid zeal, sorted the goods, sold refreshments, and manned the stalls, the door and the Staff's children's crèche. It all proved very enjoyable, though hard work. May we ask for your support next year? G.B.J.

1930-39 DECADE DINNER

As the result of the President's initiative, 47 members met at the Association's H.Q. at Boreham Wood on 9th April, 1965.

Owing to the spate of reminiscences, the meal started half-an-hour after the scheduled time of 7.45 p.m. The resultant slightly-burned flavour to the soup appeared not to deter anyone and, later on, when Basil Blowfield invited the guests Donald Blessley (Vice-President) and Derek Kenward (President of the O.H.C.C.), to address a few remarks, these were received in a manner befitting the occasion! Kenneth Blessley (one of the O.H.R.F.C.'s three Life Members) also spoke, putting the Rugger Club in perspective for those present who had been out of close touch for varying periods of up to about 30 years.

Since it will be of interest to the many who wrote to regret their inability to attend (on this occasion!), the following is the list of those present:

The President: J. Basil Blowfield (1933)

Vice-President: Donald A. Blessley (1927)*

President O.H.C.C.: Derek G. Kenward (1948)*

* *Guests.*

Ronald A. F. Adams (1937)

J. S. (Terry) Alexander (1930)

E. H. (Charlie) Amstein (1936)

J. A. R. (Tony) Beaumont (1938)

Douglas E. Bellamy (1935)

Ronald A. Bengé (1938)

Kenneth H. Blessley (1932)

Clive H. Blockley (1933)

L. F. (Poppy) Brown (1931)

Allan R. Burton (1932)

Douglas S. Cohen (1937)

John J. Cohen (1938)

Peter J. Crombie (1937)

Max W. J. Denham (1932)

Idris C. Edwards (1932)

David H. Gooch (1930)

Geoffrey J. Hersey (1933)

Robert E. Holgate (1936)

W. John D. Hoste (1936)

Geoffrey T. L. Hubert (1935)

John E. Hughes (1936)

N. E. Dennis Hurst (1932)

M. J. (Jumbo) Jackman (1932)

Gerrard H. Kramers (1932)

Jack Maynard (1933)

Derek I. Monnickendam (1939)

J. Roy Newman (1933)

C. Geoffrey O'Donoghue (1937)

Keith A. Olley (1939)

Gordon P. Pavey (1939)

Stanley Percivall (1933)

John C. Percy (1934)

"Bill" M. Riley (1939)

"Barney" W. H. Shankland (1931)

Irving Shribman (1934)

Ernie W. Smith (1930)

Noel G. Smith (1931)

S. Robert Stanes (1936)

W. R. (Nobbly) Tanner
 Wilfred H. Taylor (1931)
 J. Peter M. Thompson (1932)
 Hugh J. Tierney (1931)
 Jack A. Tout (1931)
 Kenneth H. Vere (1936)

Unfortunately, telephone messages were received during the early evening from W. Max Gurney (1932), Dennis B. Lait (1938) and D. Ronald Steele (1935), while Keith Batchelor (1939), Neil Brown (1933) and George W. Spiers (1936) also had had to cry off. However,

their absence was, to some extent, counteracted by the fact that Allan Burton had travelled down from Northumberland, Douglas Bellamy from Yorkshire, Max Denham from Staffordshire and "Bill" Riley from Leicestershire.

Finally, a vote of thanks to those post-war members and their wives, who looked after us before, during and after the Dinner. It is regretted that their later ministrations were so successful that a certain amount of embarrassment was caused, the following evening to the House Committee!

W.R.T.

H.O.B. LODGE No. 3362

Secretary: K. C. Harvey Parker, Esq., 35 Snaresbrook Drive, Stanmore, Middlesex

The Lodge's New Year began at the December Meeting, when John Gooch was duly installed as Master for 1965 before a large gathering which included some very distinguished Freemasons.

The work of the Lodge continues: one of the most pleasing features is the great enthusiasm

now being shown by the younger and more recently-joined members.

The Secretary will be pleased to furnish information to any Old Boy or Master who feels he would like to become a member of the Lodge.

K.C.H.P.

O.H. ATHLETIC CLUB

President: B. Goodman, Esq. *Captain:* Julian Littlewood

Secretary: Roger M. Simons, 81 Wolmer Gardens, Edgware, Middlesex. Tel. SIO 7486

This year in yet another full fixture list we include 2 fixtures at the newly opened Cophall Stadium, off the Great North Way, Hendon, which we hope to make our home track for the future. These fixtures will be against Shaftesbury Harriers as our opening match on 12th May, and against Old Elizabethians on 10th June. We have our usual fixtures against Athletic Clubs, L.A.C. and Ealing as well as competing against most of the other Old Boys' Athletic Clubs in the London area. We will complete the season with the usual 3 meetings which bring the season to its climax; on 8th July in the Inter Old Boys' Relays at Harrow, on 10th July against the School at Elstree, and on 13th July in the Inter Old Boys' Championships at Merton.

We extend a welcome to all prospective members, and especially invite members of the O.H. Rugby Club to follow Mel Steele and Peter Stewart's example of keeping fit, and building up for their rugger, by competing for the Athletic Club in the Summer.

FIXTURES 1965

22nd June		
Ealing H.		Drayton Green, Ealing.
1st July		
O. Fullarians		Cassiobury Park, Watford.
8th July		
Inter O. B. Relays		Gayton Road, Hendon
10th July		
School (2.30 p.m.)		School Grounds, Elstree
13th July		
Inter O. B. Championships	Merton	

Also in general information

Peter Sulston (1953-60) won the Eastern Counties Senior Cross Country Championships at Norwich in February 1965. Owing to illness he was unfortunately unable to run in the National event. Earlier in the year he represented Middlesex Senior Team in the Inter Counties Cross Country event.

He is at the moment at the Methodist College in Cambridge.

O.H. CRICKET CLUB

President: D. G. Kenward, Esq.

Captain: D. F. Gainsborough

Hon. Secretary: R. N. Lidington, 21 Northwood Way, Northwood, Middlesex. Tel. Northwood 22255

The cricket club's activities, since the last report, have been confined to off-the-field events and as with the match results last season, the autumn and winter social functions have been the most successful we have yet enjoyed. The dance at the Hendon Hall Hotel in September was attended by 97 people and the annual dinner at Lord's Tavern the following month drew a record attendance of 70, including the Headmaster and several boys from the School.

Once again a full fixture list has been arranged, including the South Devon tour, and the club is always anxious to recruit any school-leaver who

would like a regular game of cricket, especially during the months of July and August.

HOME FIXTURES—1965 SEASON

July	Saturdays	July	Sunday XIs
3rd	Old Cholmeleians (2nd)	4th	Wembley Park
10th	School Matches at Aldenham	11th	President's XI
17th	Friern Manor (2nd)	18th	North Mymms
24th	Sudbury Court (1st)	25th	U.C.S. Old Boys
31st	Old Dunstonians (1st)		
August		August	
7th	Old Paulines (2nd)	1st	Jordans
14th	Uxendon (1st)	8th	Elstree
21st	Old Elizabethians (1st)	15th	Shenley
28th	Vauxhall Motors (1st)	22nd	Mayfair
		29th	Old Fullarians
TOUR June 19th—26th in East Devon.			

O.H. GOLFING SOCIETY

President: Sir Harold Parker, K.C.B., K.B.E., M.C.

Captain: B. W. H. Shankland

Hon. Secretary:

Michael Beaman, 10 West Drive, Harrow Weald, Middlesex. Tel. Grimsdyke 1180 & Gerrard 0488

The Society started the 1965 season with the Spring Meeting on the 1st May held as usual at Ashridge. Attendance this year was a little below usual, partly due to the rival attractions of the Cup Final and the Middlesex Sevens. Members will be glad to know that Middlesex R.F.U. have considerably agreed to hold the Sevens a little earlier next year. Despite some rain in mid-afternoon, a most enjoyable day was spent on a course which always looks at its very best at this time of the year. The prizewinners were:

<i>Ryman Cup:</i>	Alan Luke (20)	34 pts.
<i>Rugby Salver:</i>	David Jackson (7)	34 pts.
<i>Skylark Tankard:</i>	Alan Leigh (18)	
<i>Hidden Holes:</i>	Robin Matthew	shared
	Malcolm Ford	
<i>Afternoon</i>	Stanley Thompson (11)	29
<i>Foursomes:</i>	Keith Batchelor (19)	29 pts.

It gave us much pleasure to see Stanley Thompson win an engraved ashtray in the afternoon foursomes, at his fourteenth (or was it fifteenth?) attempt. He modestly attributed this success to his new found release from the

cares of Secretaryship (which does affect one's golf, as the new incumbent earlier discovered to his cost). Stanley has been running O.H. golf since 1948, when he was instrumental in putting the Society on a proper footing. His friendly and efficient organisation has been the foundation on which the Society has prospered, and we all owe him a great deal for his efforts over so long a period. At the conclusion of the Spring Meeting the Captain, Barney Shankland on behalf of the Society presented Stanley with a gold wristwatch in appreciation of his services.

The remaining fixtures for this year are as follows:

<i>Summer Meeting and</i>	14th July, 1965.
<i>Annual Dinner:</i>	Hendon Golf Club
<i>Guests' Meeting:</i>	8th September, 1965.
	Stoke Poges Golf Club
<i>Autumn Meeting:</i>	2nd October, 1965.
	Ashridge Golf Club

The Society will also be entering a team for the 1965 Grafton Morrish Trophy organised by the Public Schools Old Boys' Golf Association. The qualifying round is at Addington on 12th

June and the finals at Hunstanton and Brancaster from 8th-10th October. Finally, matches have been arranged as follows:

- v *Old Finchleyans* at Finchley 11th June
 - v *U.C.S. Old Boys* at Hendon 7th July
 - v *Old Elysians* at Finchley to be arranged
- In addition, George Goldup is arranging

long-handicap matches against Finchley and Old Milihilians—the latter to be played at Finchley on 17th June.

The Society is always pleased to welcome new members at matches or meetings. I should be delighted to hear from any Old Boys, Masters or boys at school who may be interested.

M.B.

O.H. RIFLE CLUB

President: Lt-Col. R. W. Hewson *Captain:* B. P. Fitzgerald

Hon. Treasurer: R. B. Lyle

Hon. Secretary: M. Winney, 19 Cedar Drive, Hatch End, Middlesex. Tel. HAT 1285

Range: Kodak Works, Wealdstone. Shooting Times: Sundays 10.30 a.m.—1.00 p.m.

This year the Christmas Shoot was more than usually successful taking place during a Sunday afternoon with refreshments supplied at the range so that shooting could be continued into the evening. In the past our "morning" shoots have always become so protracted that the final shoot offs were about 5.00 p.m. and everyone became ravenously hungry! We had several novelty competitions this year, a perfect climax being provided by George Peterken who, in the final of the clay disc shoot, broke 15 half-inch discs with 18 rounds.

A very strong "A" Team came a close 2nd in Division 8 of the Middlesex Small-bore R.A. Winter League, Brian FitzGerald and George Peterken both shooting exceptionally well. The "B" Team came 5th in Division 15.

Once again the Junior Members shot well in

the C, D, E and F Class competitions at Baker Street range; several of them won cash prizes.

I should like to take this opportunity to advertise that from July 1965 we shall be offering "Country Membership" of our Club to members of the O.H.A. at a subscription of 10/6d. p.a. This form of membership is open to any O.H.A. member who is normally resident, or is resident during term time, more than 30 miles from Kodak Range, Wealdstone.

We hope that this scheme will interest those who are at University, out of London, and would otherwise find membership of the Club extravagant considering the limited use which they could make of our facilities. Special shoots and competitions will be arranged during the vacations.

M.W.

O.H. RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

President: E. Cinnamon, Esq.

Hon. Secretary: A. T. White, 19 Canonbury Avenue, Pinner, Middlesex.

Hon. Treasurer: D. A. James, Waltham Court, Friern Barnet Lane, N.20

The final summary for the 1964/65 season is:

	P.	W.	D.	L.	For	Against
1st XV	32	18	2	12	389	303
"A" XV	26	9	—	17	154	253
Ex "A" XV	26	11	—	15	227	261
"B" XV	25	16	2	7	448	258
"B2" XV	7	3	—	4	82	127
Ex "B" XV	26	10	2	14	263	383
"C" XV	16	3	2	11	102	313
Skylarks XV	4	—	1	3	6	87

Within a few weeks of the start of the season, it became apparent that the extraordinary wastage since the previous April would outnumber the new and rejoined members by enough to make the fielding of seven regular sides an impossibility. The junior sides have therefore suffered accordingly but owing to good fortune with injuries the 1st XV were able to overcome the serious loss of experienced re-

serves, especially outside the scrum, and some notable victories were achieved. These have included first ever wins over Notts, Guy's and St. Mary's Hospitals. Stroud were beaten for the second year running but we were unable to overcome the conditions and the O.M.T.s, losing by 3 tries to 2 goals.

The 1st XV results since the last issue are.

28th November	Old Dunstonians	Won	29-12
5th December	London University	Won	14- 8
12th "	Old Rutishians	Won	8- 3
19th "	U.C.S. Old Boys	Won	21- 3
2nd January	Torquay Athletic	Lost	5-11
9th "	Old Millhillians	Lost	3- 6
16th "	London Hospital	Won	11- 8
30th "	Old Cranleighans	Won	39- 0
6th February	Cheltenham	Lost	3-21
13th "	K.C.S. Old Boys	Won	11- 3
20th "	Old Edwardians	Won	14- 3
27th "	St. Barts Hospital	Won	11- 6
6th March	O.M.T.s	Lost	9-10
13th "	Streatham	Lost	11-17
20th "	Birmingham	Draw	3- 3
27th "	St. Mary's Hospital	Won	30- 3
3rd April	St. Thomas's Hospital	Won	18- 5
10th "	Old Whitgiftians	Won	8- 5
16th "	Wilmslow	Lost	6-24
17th "	St. Helens	Lost	0-12
19th "	Old Birkoman	Lost	0-13

Marshall Lumsden has scored 99 points, a personal best in what may be his last season in the 1st XV. It is a tribute to Marshal and his half-back partner, John Hanson, that the wings, Peter Stewart and Melvin Steele, have both scored 22 tries in the season. Dick Cook has achieved 300 appearances and Peter Shiells and Nigel Fuller have passed 250. John Hanson

reached his double century and Ray Kipps became the 31st post war player to reach a century.

After many successful seasons, the "A" XV's fall from grace is difficult to believe, but it has been Chris Robinson's team which has felt the full force of the loss of so many experienced outsiders. The Ex "A" have also felt the loss but the younger members have been able to bridge the gap between School and Club football. Any side skippered by John Staggs is expected to win far more than they lose and the "B" XV have done just that with the skipper himself scoring 29 tries and adding a further 120 points from his kicking. The Ex "B" under Terry Field had a disastrous start to the season but recovered quite well. Ian Smart has scored 75 points for this side. The running of the "C" XV has again been difficult and Peter Freitag has had to contend with the lack of experienced players and generally had to take the field with one or two players short. The "B2" has only functioned with the assistance of the Schoolboys and to date 29 boys have played in all teams with John Matthewman being only the second post war schoolboy to appear in the 1st XV. We are very grateful for their assistance and hope that when they leave School they will all come and join the Club.

236 members were present at the Annual Dinner on the 12th December with our President, Ellis Cinnamon, in the chair. Our principal guest was Air-Marshall Sir Augustus Walker, K.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., D.F.C., A.F.C.

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The most encouraging feature of the 1964/65 season has been the progress made by members of the Club who have joined us since the School moved to Elstree, and who consequently had not previously had match experience. For their benefit a fixture list was arranged for an "Etceteras IV," and of the 13 games played

6 were won and 7 lost. Because of examination and business commitments, it was rarely possible for the 1st IV to be fully representative, and of the 14 matches played only 3 were won and 11 lost. On a number of occasions 2nd IV members deputised in the 1st IV, and Dear made his debut at Cambridge University. The improve-

ment in performance at the end of the season, compared with those at the beginning, was most noticeable, and we look forward hopefully to next year.

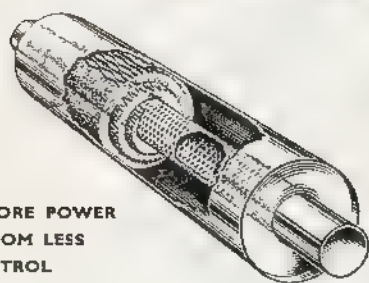
The outstanding event of the season was the annual visit to Denstone College. For the first time ever we took two IV's and, after dinner in Derby on Saturday evening when we entertained the Master-in-Charge at the College, we played the School on Sunday morning, winning the 1st IV game but losing to the 2nd IV. On Sunday afternoon a party finished the weekend climbing in the Peak District. Of the remaining matches, the most satisfying achievement was to almost beat the Jesters' Club for the first time ever, losing only six points in a most worthwhile contest.

We have again been represented in National and Regional Championships at London, Bristol, Halifax and Durham, and will be at Edinburgh over Easter. It was most pleasing that our regular flag-bearer, Whittenbury, should be accompanied by Moore and Dear not only in the Amateur singles and doubles, but also at Bristol. They had the opportunity of finding how enjoyable these competitions can be

socially, in addition to playing and watching the best Fives players in the country. The benefits gained were becoming apparent in their own play before the season ended.

It is a little sad to reflect that had the School not moved from Hampstead to Elstree, our Club would almost certainly be in the forefront of Rugby Fives in London, and if the School had continued to improve on its strong position it could by now have become a respected name in the Public Schools Championships. This is not the case, however, because of the break in continuity, and the School must start again from the beginning, while we must continue, for the time being, on a reduced scale. Following the repair to the court, there has been a marked improvement in the standard of play at School, and we are delighted that a modest fixture list has been started, including a match against our own 2nd IV. There is still a small group of the founder members in the Old Boys' Club who have put a great deal of time into building things up, and because of the enjoyment which has come from it they are determined to continue, with the help of younger members, so that there is a firm foundation on which to build again in the future.

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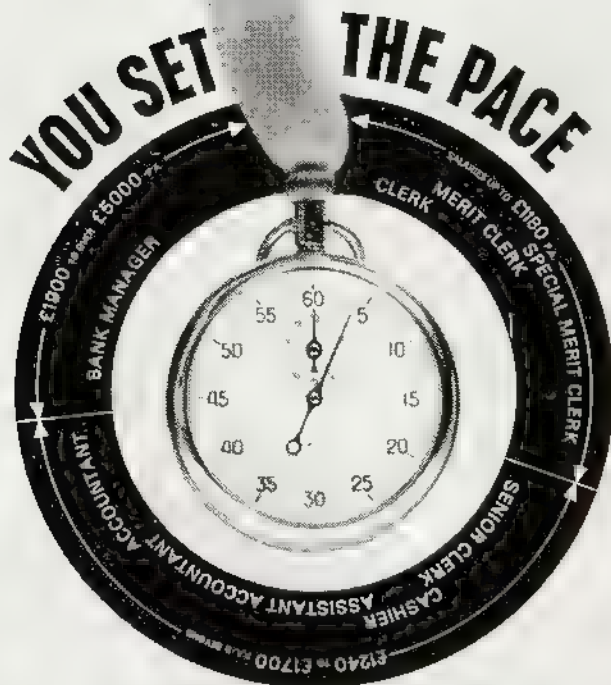
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